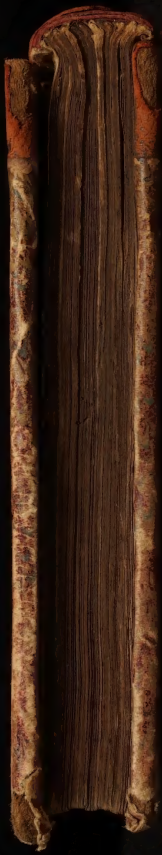

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have undertaken, and are about to undertake to make the Pill, and have unhandsomely gotten Mr. *Mathews* Bills to put off their Pill with.

And although they then rightly gathered that from Mr. *Mathews*, yet I am sure they know not all the Ingrediences thereof in his last improvement of it.

And therefore least that the unexperienced Pill-makers should deceive the People, and endanger the health of any; and also least the Credit of the Pill should fall by their uncertain working thereof, and so both the City & Countrey lose the benefit of the Pill's virtue.

I invite and desire Wisemen to consider, whether Paper Directions may not be as sufficient to guide a Ship upon the Sea, without any further experience, as it can be to the making of this Pill; and whether it be wisdom to venture upon the taking of these unexperienced Pill-makers Pills, or no?

And that this Pill may be a blessing to the people, and the credit thereof not impaired by any uncertain workers there-

of: I do certifie, that the Imitators thereof being spoyled in their proceedings, do threaten me with printing their Receit: If they be engaged in conscience so to do, it had been well they had done it at first, I am content, onely *I* entreat those honest men that shall work by their paper, to make as good proof of God's blessing upon their labours before they put their Pill to publick use, as we did upon ours.

Though it be above Fourteen Months since my Husband Mr. *Richard Mathews* died, from which time the Imitators of the Pill have been making and vending their product: yet for want of signal testimony of God's blessing thereupon, they have deceitfully adulterated our Book, and cut out part thereof to hide their nakedness, and so puts to sale (with their Pill) the abused Book: as if Gods blessing upon my Husband's labours were for a probate of the virtues of their Pill; but truth seeks no corners: This deceit was found out at *Jo. Loddingtons* shop the *7th.* of *March*, and at *Geo. Kendal's* the *9th* of *March*, 1662. And at *Giles Calvert's Shop*, the 17 *March*, 1662.

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But let not any one think that adulterating our book, or arrogating unto themselves my Husbands approved experiences of cures done, by Gods blessings upon his Pills; although they should be largely and amply recited by them from his Book in their printed Bills, will do them any good, or his Widdow any harm, either in the sight of God; or of men of understanding,

And also I do advertise all men by this; least the Country should be deceived, that *I* will put forth this Pill to be sold at no place in *London* but my own house, and these persons hereafter specified;

And I do further certifie, That according to the rate of our former selling, there is as much of Mr. *Richard Mathewes* own preparing before he dyed, as will serve the City and Country some years in the custody of his Widdow; and are to be had as formerly, at her house by the Lyons-Den at the Tower, next Gate to the Ly-Ward.

And to be sold by Old Mr. *Jennings* my friend, at his house in the Long-Walk in St. *Mary Magdelens Southwark*, near the Church, and where his Conveniency may be; & by Mr. *Coats* Scrivener, over-against the Green Dragon in Lyme-house, and *Joseph Leigh* Bookseller at the upper end of *Bazing-hall*-street near the Nags-head-Taverne, and *Theodore Jennings* Scrivener at the Dogs-head in the Pottage-pot in *Kings*-street *Westminster*, and no where else.

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To all that are sick under Pains, Aches gripings, divers Diseases, Surfeitings, Obstructions, Consumptions, of what kind soever, and whosoever but more especially unto all such of them that fear the Lord in truth and uprightnesse, and of these especially such as are poor, and have no Mony, *Rich. Adams* your brother & companion in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, humbly dedicates this his little Book, together with his Love and Labour, with what is his, devoted to your service.

IT is meet of good right, that this my Booke should be dedicated unto you, who daily find the power and virtue of my Pill whereof I have spoken: let all the world set themselves against it as they please, I know your experience will vindicate it; and verily if my Pill hath not deserved it from your hands, I will speak not a word for it: but whatever in this Book hath past me, let it for ever stand for nothing: and I do attest not onely to you all, but all the world: That if I be deceived concerning the true worth and power of my Pills, verily it is you that have deceived me, my Conscience bearing me witnesse I have not added unto these Reports which you have brought me, but have with much sobriety left out much, which would have heightned the power and worth of my Pill; but I am assured from my own knowledge, and daily sight and hearing that things of like nature are done by it dayly

y, blessed be God; and therefore I know there is no deceit in the matter. Receive then I pray you, this little Book into your protection, and speak as you have found, and speak that which is true, I desire no more, I know that is sufficient, for the Truth is strong, and no force can keep him in bonds, whom Truth acquits: It were better that I were not, than it were not my portion.

It is neither Power, nor Greatness, nor Humane Art, nor Learning, that I flie unto for Patronage onely the clear and unbiassed witness of Truth, which can be in no other mouths then such of you, the Authors of all these several Reports, Cures, and Wonders I have set down in this Book, most of which my own eyes were Spectators, and consequently Witnesses of their verity and truth; neither am I unfurnished of as many more which here are not set down. But these have spent much paper for me to write, and much of your patience to read; and he that will not believe at the sound of this Trumpet, but shuts his ears, resolved not to hear, this man will not hear if I had set down five times as many more.

But unto the Second sort unto whom I tender this Dedication, viz. The Faithful that are yet on earth, but their Treasure in Heaven, and their hearts where their Treasure is; that at the present, if need be, are in heavineſs through manifold temptations, sicknesses, pains, aches, and weaknesses of body, I do in a more especial manner dedicate my Book, self, work, and labour of love unto you, who am your brother and Companion, and with you hath born the

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chastening of the Lord, I know your happiness, and feel it, and am made and enfranchised a Citizen and fellow-servant with you, and have laboured through Christ; and have not fainted; and now knowing your happiness, do rank my self with you, as being made partaker of like precious faith, and indeed desire above all other, to be made manifest and known unto you: I know (although I am a stranger unto you as to this body, and this world, yet) I have spiritual feeling and feasting with you, in and from that abundance of endless joys freely bestowed in the blood of Christ: And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with the Son of his Love, whose blood cleanseth us from all our iniquities: And blessed be God, who hath helped me through all kind of Snares & temptations, to the end I might by experience know his Salvation, his Power and Goodness. And this is my triumphing joy, That my Father is pleased to let me live to comfort and help many, and thanks be given to him, there are but few days pass me, without the happy tidings of saving the life of one poor creature or other; I speak as a man, and in this judge by man's reason. And now my beloved Brethren, as I have freely received, so I freely give: You (above all other) I thirst to serve both in body and spirit. My Master hath returned upon my head the fruit of my Labour, which indeed hath been much and long: And wherefore have I been always beaten down with sickness and weakness of body, but that I might be improved (as I have been improved) for your service and advantage, of which indeed you may make

a bold challenge, and require the same as your just Right and Propriety.

But unto the third sort now I speak, viz. you that fear the Lord in truth of heart, and are under his Fatherly chastening of pains, sicknesses, and bodily pressures, and are poor as to the things of this world: and wherefore is it? but that in being here you might not be to your selves as men; or to this world, as this world: You are not poor, but you are rich, riches that fadeth not away, made rich brough him that became poor, that he might make many rich. My brethren, be without carefulness or fear, because 'tis your Father's pleasure to give you a kingdome, a Kingdom that remains to eternity, eternally in the Heavens: You will possess it at that his appearing, when you shall appear with him in Heaven, glory that cannot be shaken: And if your earthly Tabernacle perish daily, is it not the Minister of joy, forasmuch as it tends to no other end, but to haste you to rest. Now is the time of your labour in fruit-bearing; herein is your Father glorified (that in, and against the strongest wrestlings of this world, & of your own corruptions and Satanical tentations and delusions) that you bring forth much fruit, to the end his fruit may remain in you, and his power rest upon you: You know in all your griefs and ails he is Joy, Peace, Rest. Get thou to rest, cease from man, for wherein is he to be trusted? your self and all selfness, your own works, as God did from his: Enter the blessed Rest, holy Sabbath, through Christs attonement, brough him, and in whom we are compleat and perfect,

perfect. For shame be silent, the Lord comes into his holy temple, your bodies are the Temple of the living God, his house and habitation you are; he daigns to sup and dine with you, and is with you, and in you stand fast then in that liberty wherewith he hath made you free, take heed of harkning to flesh and blood; be not entangled with the yoke of bondage to fear again; if you touch your burden with your armes you must needs faint; but if you throw it on him, he will sustain you. He bore our sicknesses, the chastisements of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed: Be like him who opened not his mouth, although the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all; Sickness and Poverty are not the greatest of Evils, nay they in their depth (with divine Love and Presence,) are joyous and glorious: I never found greater joy, peace and consolation, than when I was in the greatest pain and bitterness, when as to this world there was little hope of life, then was there life in beauty and strength. You of all others are most blessed and happy, because the Eternal Crown & weight of glory and Righteousness is prepared for you.

What shall I say unto you, my dearly beloved brethren, with whom life and glory dwelleth? Oh! my heart is pained for you, yea my soul and spirit within me is set on fire, with love, care, desire, endeavour how I might be most manifested unto you, to bear all your distresses, if it were possible for me: But alas it is a small thing I am able to do; but I will tell you Jesus Christ will make his Crosse and Yoke easie and light to you: Go to him, he is the Fountain, all ful

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nesse is in him, and he freely distributes without upbraiding, yea he is perfectly able to save all that come to God by him. And as for me, his poor servant, I beseech you pray that I may be found faithful in my Stewardship, improveing his manifold gifts unto his ends; and therefore in his Name and Fear, & in discharge of my duty unto him, and out of faithful and true simpathy and fellow feeling with you, I do therefore in his Name and Fear invite all that are poor, having no mony, and fear the Lord in truth of heart, and are sick, and are in pains and aches of body, that they would come & receive at my hand this Pill, or what else the Lord hath given me for their health, freely for Christs sake, without mony or reward; Prove I pray you, and assay, whether I be the man or no, that I here would be taken to be. Yea, come once and a gain, as your distresse requires; onely as I am a man, hide not your selves and condition from me, and I hope still in him in whom I have always hoped, I shall not be left without either a heart, or wherewith to refresh them, that in the Name and Fear of God come unto me; entreating you to joyne with it your Faith and Prayer for a blessing, looking on it as a means of God ordained for your help and comfort; then do I not fear a good and blessed successe in the use of the means which the Lord hath put in my hands for your ease, healing and benefit.

INasmuch as there are divers persons that pretend that they make my Husband Mr. *Richard Mathews's* Pill, some of whom work by a Receipt that was unduly perverted to serve that purpose, lest my Husbands own Pill (which we made) should be used as a means to promote and vend those unexperienced Workers Pills, and thereby endanger the health of any. I make known, to the World, that I will not sell my Pill where I know or suspect the unproved Pill is to be sold.

Therefore I cease to deal with *Nathaniel Merry of Bristol*, and *Henry Pierpoint of* Bishopsgate-street *London*, *&c.* also I certifie that I have published the Receipt of the Pill as my Husband made use of it till 1659, after which he never gave forth the Receipt of his Operation.

WHereas in the Life-time of Mr. *Rich Mathews*, my Husband, the Pill (that some men for their own ends) now call Mr. *Starky*'s Pill was scarce known, or to any degree fam'd in comparison of our, *viz.* Mr. *Mathew*'s Pill: but in my Widow-hood (because oppression and wrongs is the Widows portion) it is much urged by the forefaid men (who I presume never had any such instructions from Mr. *Starky*) that it is one and the same with my Husbands Pill, and that with palpable untruths, saying, my Husband put Jollop and such like things, otherwise it were (say they) the same with Mr. *Starky*'s Pill; and therefore would have it go by the name of *Mathew*'s Pill.

And also those that have broken their trust with my Husband (or belied themselves) in breaking up the Seal of that Receipt for their own use, which my Husband left with them to be broken up in the time appointed onely for the publick use, and those that purchased or procured Receits from them, would have their Pill call'd, Mr. *Mathew*'s Pill.

My desire is, to the intent the proper fruit may appear upon its own tree, that no cures that was done before *June* last (until which time they had our Pill amongst them) be believed to be fruits of their Pill, if they should be so gross as to arrogate the same, but let every Father own his own Child.

And I further desire that to all those that pretend to sell *Mathew's* Pill, the question be put, Whether what they sell was made by Mr. *Mathew's* hands, or his Wife's, or *Michael Lyne's* hands, who all three all along joined together in the Operation thereof: and if they be truly satisfied therein, then are they sure that they buy not one thing for another. And let God that respecteth the Widows Case bless all the Pills as he pleaseth, and make me rejoice therein.

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I Do further Certifie that I have Agreed with Mr. *Edw. Terril*, Schoolmaſter, dwelling in *Corn-ſtreet*, near the *Tolzey* in *Briſtol*, to ſell my Pill, Antidote, and Oyl of Amber: and all ſuch who in thoſe parts ſhal have occaſion to make uſe thereof may have the ſame either by Whole-ſale, or Retail, at the ſame Price I ſell for at *London*.

And by Whole-ſale I intend no leſs quantity then a quarter of a pound, which is my rule at *London*.

An effectual { Diaphoretick, / Diuretick, } purgeth by { sweating; / urine.

LEt the Patient take this Pill when he goes to bed; if a man of a middle strength, then about ten or twelve grains, or about the bigness of a grey pease; but be sure at first to take little enough for being a true Cordial, there is no danger of a little quantity, and after increase as you find your strength to bear it, and as you have need of it, with judgement and discretion: Drink a little Sack, White-wine, Ale or Beer after it; keep Bed till you find your head well setled; which will be about twelve or fourteen hours; it will be in some more, and in some less, be your own Judge, otherwise you will be sick and vomit, which you may prevent if you keep your head to your pillow. If you must drink, let it be good, little and oft; it may be it wil astringe for three or four days; but you shall find a breaking of wind, no heat or swelling, but a good digesture of meat; no fumes: Lastly, all goes in a loose sharp stool. Unto Children of two years old, give the quantity of a Barley-Corn, and so upward according to their strength. Note.

that when this Pill is dry; it must be moistned with Oyle *of* Turpentine, *or* Oyle *of* Amber; *and the older it is so kept, the better it is. Note also, that no Vessel will keep it well; but a Glass covered with a double Bladder.*

His Pill is a Corrector of all Vegetative poysons.

This that I have written is true, although some there are which takes it in foul scorn that I should profess that power, as to correct *Opium*, and they themselves cannot; but let such contentious Doctors know, that the Gentleman is yet in very good health that drank 200 grains of *Opium* at one draught, which was of my correcting.

So that if it be taken after any potion vomative or laxative it will not work at all; or when any potion works over-violently, it forthwith stops it by reason of its corrective power.

This also, as far as my experience hath taught me, is true; and if any list, let them make further proof.

In like manner it corrects all poysons in mans body from head to feet.

By constant experience we find its working so various and strange, that we can be-

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lieve no less; for although to all appearance people that are alike troubled, yet will it vomit some, purge others, and make others sweat out of measure, and others purge strangely by Urine, and others as strangely send forth Rhumes and Flegm at the mouth, and some others it may be, none of all these, but will break out all over: and sundry other ways as Nature hath provided to great wonder, which people when they are well, tell us how strangely it wrought with them. Unto God onely be given all the praise for his mercies; it sufficeth that people find relief in their distress: So that indeed we do clearly see it doth ransack whole Nature, of what temper, complexion, or constitution soever; and finding out what it is that is noxious unto it, finds out one way or other, as Nature is most prompt to administer relief, and according unto our experience it is ever constant unto a constant mind; and most certain it is, that many foolishly out of a fond conceit, because this Pill hath operated contrary unto what they before-hand have supposed, have left its use to their great hurt and damage; and at this day (out of some such fantastical humour neglecting it) languish in their pains and griefs, these lending their credulous ears unto the envious, which neither

know nor understand the thing they speak evil of; but thou which wilt believe thy experience, will find, that if thy grief lyes in thy head, any part of it, thou shalt be sure to find it awakened; nay, oft-times when men do not think that their griefe lieth there, by reason (it may be) that thy illness proceedeth of some old Cold, or Surfeit, or Bruise, so as thou hast forgotten it, this Pill will begin at the root of thy grief; and if of wind, it strangely followeth it up and down the body of man, till it be turned out: Or if it be some inward breach or soreness, or Imposthumes, it (by reason of its power from fixt Salts) doth break, and (by reason of its Balsomical virtue, doth) heal above belief; so that people inform us of great pains and griefs they have had for some years, till by this Pill (sometimes) stinking matter, and (sometimes) stinking blood hath been sent forth, which hath been infinitely beyond my skill to help: But God hath blessed the use of this Pill to save the Lives of many so grieved, blessed be his Name. And if the defect be amongst the Uritures, Kidneys, Reins or Bladder, then the effects by Urine is admirable, much beyond our reason: for it sometimes sends out stuff of diverse colours, and sometimes but one colour, like snot, and like

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jags of cloth, jags of paper, and of diverse colours mixed together; and sometimes swimming on the surface, and sometimes lying in the bottome, and so also hath brought out many stones, many of which we have to shew, which people that voided them upon the taking of the Pills, have brought us: Also Gravel in abundance, red and other colours, which it doth by its power from fixed Salts, and the true preparing the Spirit of Turpentine: and I do attest unto all men, that I am six Months in preparing the Spirit of Turpentine for this Pill: And let all men know assuredly, it is not, nor cannot be ripe for this Pill under: and therefore thus duly prepared, I do believe a higher Balsome is not in the world, both inwardly and outwardly: God grant I may use it to his glory, and peoples good: For we find it so potent in cleansing all Windiness, Sliminess, Stone or Gravel; and in case of Flux of Blood, Running of Reins, and the like, or Flux of Scouring, I think the like is not to be found: for by reason of the mixion of forcible Vegetatives, it doth so sweetly stop all bleeding beyond belief, although it be either by Fundament, or by Urine, or by Mouth, as in Consumptions; or at Nose, it forthwith stops it as soon as it is warm in their bellies: If it be griefe of

the Joints; Ach of Bones, paines of the Feet; as the Gout in the Feet, or the runing Gout, or that which is called the Kings-Evil, by that time a Pill can be warm in their belly, the Patient will be sensible of ease; and to the praise of God I speak it, many of every Sex and Age that have not been able to feed or help themselves, or stir a Limb in their beds, with the use of this Pill are now in health, and set at liberty: There would be no end of speaking, and yet but what is true, the wonderful works that God hath done by this Pill both inwardly and outwardly; and if those take it who have Consumptions, with sore Coughing; also those that wheese with shortness of breath, with coughing; I say, there are many of these alive, thanks be given to God, who comfortably enjoy themselves, which to the appearance of man would never have held out, and many of these perfectly cured, and so remain, which indeed is more than in reason we might have expected; for according to the Opinion of the ablest in Physick, these distempers proceed from a debility in Nature, and therefore not curable; but God hath shewed his power and goodness to many, that there doth not appear the least sign of a distemper; so that in a reasonable time both Cough and Rhume is quite gone,

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and breath at will. I am loath to recite particulars, and yet give no more but the very truth, because I know many will hardly believe it, (and yet I am constrained here to give some instances) for I speak not this without witness, thanks be to God, many hundreds about *London* will give testimony of the truth written, with thanksgiving unto Almighty God, who hath strengthened and opened their breasts when they were almost brought unto the gates of death, God blessing this Pil to them for their reviving, thanks bee given to God for all his unspeakable gifts.

I had a Maid-servant that from a Child had a sore Cough in such extremity, that I feared oft she would never get breath again, it had such violence upon her, and she said it would never be cured, it was natural unto her, and that her Mother dyed thereof: I caused her to take of these Pills as well for my own quietness as her cure, she did so disturb me in the night-season: I gave her but little ones, and gave them time: she never lay hour for them, but rose every morning all Winter, and did perform her duty in the house without interruption, and I think it was half a year (or near) before it was quite gone, and in that time it took it so perfectly away, as to my know-

ledge I heard her not cough in half a year more, nay, not while she was in my house.

A man so afflicted with shortness of breath and coughing, as did exceed most that I have heard of, and he sends to me for Pills, which hee took, and with his own mouth telleth us, that for seven years he was so grievously afflicted therewith, that he could not all the Winter-season lie down in his bed; and if he had assaied to do it, then he should strangle, and of a sudden start up, and stretch up his arms above his head to get passage for his breath again, which with difficulty he recovered: Said he unto us, The first Pill that ever I took of yours, I laid me down and slept sweetly all the night; at which I and my Wife greatly admiring, praised God, as also we did with him: and that it seemed more strange, hee said he coughed not, nor was sensible of any straitnesse of breath all the night; & this man remains so wel, that to my knowledge he doth not spend so much as one quarter of an ounce in a quarter of a year. It grieves my heart as I go up and down the streets, to hear the people cough and wheese, holding their sides with short-breathing, when God hath put in my hand so great a blessing for mankind, and yet will not make use of it, many that have knowledge of it; and if

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if I should go about to perswade them to it, ye will imagine I do it for my own advantage: There are some that have much to answer for disswading well-minded people against it to their hurt, I pray God forgive them: it is evident that they themselves can do nothing in this case, but are just like the Dog in the Manger, that will eat no hay himself, nor suffer the Horse to eat: notwithstanding a volume might be written of its power and efficacy, which is true and real touching its present help in the cases aforesaid.

Likewise for all kind of Scouring & Fluxes whatsoever: and therefore it is truly said, that it is a Corrector of all poisons within man's body, from his head unto his feet.

And helpeth the Patient to cure, except it be over long decocted, that it becomes Cronical; yet then it gives perfect ease.

The cures which hath been performed in this four or five years last past, are too many here to recite: I shal give you a few instances such as came at the present into my mind as I was a writing, by which the rest may be the better guessed at.

A woman that is now well and in health (ready to bear testimony if there were occasion) comes to me, and pressed me to consider her condition, which indeed was very

very lamentable and sad; for one of her Legs was all out, or very near as big as my Waste, with sundry stinking Fistula'd Ulcers running in it, which I was not able to look on: This Leg growing into this condition, she told me, was ten or eleven years, and all that time she could get no help, and had spent what she was able, in vain: I gave her of my Pills at a small rate, considering her condition, and willed her to prove whether there were likelyhood of help by them, to apply nothing outwardly, but to wash it with her own water, or with Brandy-Wine; she accordingly did, keeping it warm, as she ought to do, and so gave my Pills time, which she accordingly did, and at first they did not onely sweat her out of measure, but did throw out abundance of filth out of measure at the Ulcers, that did greatly wet her bed in the night; she began to be fearful, and I perswaded her to patience, whereon she continues her order; and when they had thrown out all that was fit to be thrown out, then began the bigness of her Leg to abate, and so with abundance of ease sweetly took down her Legg, and healed those Ulcers unto her great wonder; and when she was near whole, and had but one hole in her Legg open, and the greatness of it gone, and that Legg no bigger then the other,

other; some of her Gossips perswaded her if she did not keep one of the Ulcers open, that she should dye: I think she was near six Months in bringing her Legg unto this condition, and then she left off, that so the hole left might run stil; and so it did, and by degrees her Legg begun to swel again, and I on the other side wondered what was become of my Customer; for my counsel to her was, That if the Pills healed them all perfectly, she was a happy Woman, and ought to give God thanks for it, and further, That if they were all whole, she would yet continue taking of them for at least three Months, that her nature might get strength, and find other purgers then at her Ancles; considering for how long time her nature had been debilitated, and other emantuaries found, which Nature did not ordain; but she forsaking this advice, as is abovesaid, relapsed; and finding that her Legg began as fast to go back, as when she used the Pills it did heal; she fell to work again, and followed the taking of the Pill as shee ought, and through God's mercy perfected the cure, as is to be seen at this day; and now it may be shee sends for a quarter of an Ounce in three or four months. Unto God who sheweth mercy to the poor that put their trust in him,

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be all praise and glory, for ever, *Amen*.

There came unto me two or three men of good quality, and brought with them a Country-man about twenty years old, extream lame and weak of the Palsie, so sore that he could not button himself, nor put on his cloaths, nor feed himself: I gave him six Pills, with a little Oyle of Amber of my own drawing; he never came again so much as to return thanks (I hope he was thankful to God.) A while after I met one of the Gentlemen that brought him to me, in *Abchurch-lane* end, in *Cannon-street*, by meer accident; he gave me many thanks for my love unto his Friend, and told me that he was gone down into the Country again very well about his business, and had strength and use of his hands and limbs to his great joy and comfort. Praised be God.

I will now recite you here another, I think as strange a cure as any hath been done in this latter age of the World; and truly had I not done it my self as a weak Instrument, I should very hardly believed it; and truly I will not vary one tittle from the naked truth, to the best of my understanding and knowledge: And it was upon an Inns of Court Gentleman, that was once of the King's Army a Collonel, he being desperate-

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ly sick of a very foul and desperate disease, and had took many Pills wherein much Quick-silver (as is supposed) had been put, but procured nothing but signs of death, that his Messenger told me he never looked to come off his bed; a bold Woman came to me without any guise or colour, and told me plainly how it was with him; and I not much caring for such kind of Patients, gave her about six Pills, and sent her away, and bid her as he liked them, to send to me again: she soon came again with these words in her mouth; *The Gentleman saith, that he never met with an honest man till now; and doth entreat you that you would not slight him in this sad condition, but go forward with him; by what you have done already, he is in hope of sudden cure; for by and by after one of your Pills were in his belly, the sore wracking of Limbs, and gnawing of his Bowels did cease, and that he is greatly refreshed with them.* I sent him more of the same, with order how to use it more effectually. Shortly after she came for more of the same, and then she did assure me, that my Pills and Drink which he took, had such wonderful effects upon him, which did almost fright them, but that he was hearty, and eat his meat, they should have feared, for all his hair came off from all parts of his whole body, and also his whole skin came off all over

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his whole body, and also all his nails, both on his hands and feet, came off from him, and without any violence fell off of themselves: I do protest, as in the sight of God, what is said, is true, to the best of my understanding, and about three weeks after I began with him, or thereabout, this Gentleman came to me, and shewed me his naked body, which I was loth he should, and not one hair upon him, but a fresh skin, as of a young child; indeed he looked shotten and wan, as one that had been sick, and so he had. He told me he was as well as ever he was in all his life; and that which made me more to wonder, was, that the nails of his hands did then begin to peep out, like the little white that is at the root of our nails. I may not handsomly say any more, I bless God that hath guided me to speak what is very true, and nothing but what is true.

Over long cotted, that is become Cronical.

Through length of time that humour commonly called Peccant, or acrimonious, or Tartarous, although its begining may be but some ordinary cold, yet being long neglected, and many noxious humours thereby ingendred through long Circulation 'twixt heart and brain; these two being the extremities of heat and cold; I say, with subjection, that these humors 'twixt

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heat and cold; the heat of the heart which causeth them to ascend, and the coldness of the brain causeth them to descend: This work continued; those Rhumes must needs grow fixt; and considering that the Salt of Nature willingly joins, as Salt would be in water, as his proper vessel; hence ariseth those gross Diseases called *Cronical*, so called, because they are out of the reach of *Galenical* Physick. Every common Chymist doth know, That long sublimation or Circulation doth fix the subject, so that diseases of this gender are for the most part incurable; and let all be warned betimes when their head and teeth ake, and Rhumes in their Eyes, they slight it, because they to appearance do amend; and many indeed doth, and too many fall into this gulf, which doth not so appear (it may be) in seven years after; by that time their Rhumes get a Crown upon their head, they grow surley, & appear in diverse manners; as first sore pain in the head; then the evil of the Eyes, beware of blindness; then out goes the teeth with great pain; or else when this humour becoms more gross, then out they go with the Scurvey; then beware the Lungs, it is now grown sharp and corroding; then look unto the region of the Bladder and Kidneys, and all the griefs that do attend them; But if it do escape these, then look well to your Hips for

the Sciatica; and if you escape that, then beware the Feet: I know wel that *Paracelsus* prescribes a four-fold ground or Radix of all diseases; but it it doth not bend with my brain: I think it all lieth here, and touch one, and touch all; and let that Medicine be produced in the world, and appear, that is like unto my Pill, that will both ease and cure these, some, and all of these at least. Consider what I have said, and what further shal be said concerning it; it hath pretty well spoke for it self.

There are hundreds of other diseases which all hang on this root; for as all diseases take their beginning of a Surfeit, of one kind or other, so do they all finish in a Consumption, called death, of one kind or other, and their variations are from the several Complexions and temperatures of men, and their mixture as Sanguine, Choller, Melancholy, Flegmatick; their temperature, whether hot, cold, moist or dry; and the several compoundings of all these, all which passeth my brains: I do not know them for my self, and therefore undoubtedly cannot know them for any other, neither do I take it upon me; but my Work teacheth me to know, that long Circulation doth produce fixing, and when fixt, it's effects are more or less strong or weak; much or little, according unto the degree thereof.

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A man is therefore truly called *Microcosm*, a little World, a World indeed of wonders: *Solomon* saith (speaking of man) *God hath set the World in his heart, and who can find it out?* And in his Book of Wisdom where he promiseth to teach us all Wisdom, and the beginning of it, and whence it is, he telleth us something of his own beginning, that he was born of a woman as all others are, and more he teacheth, but of that nature, wherein he whispereth, that man is the seat or subject of true Wisdom, which you may read at your leisure.

A late, but expert Philosopher telleth us in one of his Riddles, that he had been all his life-time sailing 'twixt the Artick and the Antartick Poles, which in another place he calls his mouth and his belly; and who is so wise as to see the mysterie of Hunger, and what it is that hath power to satisfie its draught or attraction; and when Hunger is satisfied, what the operation of Nature is, until it come unto the Antartick or Expulsive Pole, how forcibly Nature wil throw out the feculence, after curious Nature hath drawn and elaboroted the subject, and separated the quintessence; so that this little World hangeth upon the two Poles, Attractive and Expulsive: Now then if there be a man in the World that knoweth himself,

thenwould I ask what that man is ignorant of; but if thou couldst as it were go out of thy self, & could diligently converse with thine own intelligences, and the operation of the threefold world in one, *viz.* Celestial, Intelligible & Terrestrial, or Beastial, mixt with infernal through the fall of man, I say the vast Latitude and extent of man in all respects, thou wouldst find him such a mysterie as hath whole Nature contained in him, & consequently the variety of his ails are accordingly; whence very many take their root from the mind, and very many from secret Sympathy and Antipathy, which (with a witness) sheweth the presumption of Pispot-Doctors, nay that man, or hundredth man, may be truly called wise, that is able with their tongues to give a true Character of their own Ails, which I speak it boldly, not one of a hundred is able to do, & God knows they are administred to accordingly; all which duly considered, thou wilt see reason and cause why the Ancients spent their time in searching out Medicines *Universal*.

I have therefore from the serious consideration of the premises, wholly set my self unto the study of Hermetick Phyfick, and that is wholly set on two things: *Universality* for safety when wisely administred,

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and *Universality* in operation; and let it not seem to thee as a new or strange thing; this is evident in the Books of the Ancients as the heighth of their skil, and nothing more frequent in all their Writings, then receits of Medicine *Universal*, as all that read can bear witness; and if I should give you their Receits, it would swel this *little Booke* unto a *great Volume*.

I do affirm unto all men, that there is nothing contained in all the three Kingdoms of Nature, *viz. Mineral*, *Vegetative* and *Animal*, but that it doth contain in it self *Medicine Universal*: Suppose what you wil in the World, if he grant that which no man can deny, *viz.* That all things created by the blessed Trinity are made of Three, Salt, Sulphur and Mercury; then take I pray you what individual you please, suppose it to be a *Vegetable*, any Herb of any kind; for the *Arcanum*, or Spirit of Life is the same in all things, and separate by a natural processe: These three substances, give them their due cleansing, *viz.* for the *Salt* give a *Natural Calcination*, then *dissolve*, *filter*, *coagulate*, and again *calcine*, repeating these so long until they wil yeild unto thee no more Fecis; but be sure thy Calcination do not excite too much, for thy Salt doth also consist of three

sorts, a fixed Salt, and a Nitrous, and a Volatil; and if thou stir him too much, be sure thou wilt give wing unto the Volatil; this wisely prepared is a great treasure: be as careful and as natural in the cleansing and rectifying of thy Sulphur, and likewise of thy Mercury, each one according unto the kind; and being cleansed according to Art, then conjoyne them according unto the poise of Nature, then feed them by *Vulcan's* hand; but let not his *Bellows* be too big until all re-unite again, and do fix, and make it lively. This Work being finished, I do demand of all men what this wanteth of an Universal Medicine, or fifth Essence. Now that Salt, Oyl and Water wil really becom a body, is evident; for the mediation of Oyl, or Fat, or Sulphur, binds or brings together the two extreams, *viz.* Salt and Water, the one being fixed of kind, and the other being Volatil; the sweet mediation of Sulphur brings these extreams into unity; and this is apparently seen in a vulgar working of Sope: And although that working be violent and unnatural, yet is there such a conjugal embracing each other performed, and that in few hours, as would puzzle a good Artist to undo (truly) for some months, if it can ever be done at all: It is not Fables I speak of, nor scraped

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on upon experience that enforceth me to
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he most high God hath created and made;
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uch of the Wisdom of its Creator in it,
hat the more I have and do labor to know
sextent, the more I am at a loss, yea indeed
become the more a fool, confessing freely
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hen what shall we say of the most choicest
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ake also for granted, that there is no sick-
ess or aile attends the body of man, but
his cure is of, and from his own body; he
lways hath it with him, if he knew how,
nd what and when to apply it to himself,
ither of his substance, or of his excrements

From hence may the miserable estate of
poor man be discerned, who of all creatures
when he is sick is the most helpless, misera-
ble, ful of tormenting pains, and as igno-

rant of his own cure, or what should cure him; for men in health think not on sickneſſe until they be sick, but spend their time in the beſtiality and sordid coverings after the things and pleasures of this life, blinded in sin, and drenched with Surfeiting, either abusing God's Creatures, or themselves in inordinate desire after them, so that they neither know God in his Word, nor in his Works, nor themselves, or what is good to help them; one word further which sets out mans misery, and I hope may awaken some to *amendment of life*; I would ask, Why is it a man suffers such *intollerable pain* in sickneſs and death more then a Beast? I wil give two Reasons for it: First, the intireneſs of Natures composition, together with the length of time in his maturation; for things wherein Nature hath but a weak and short time of coction, admits of an easie and sudden dissolution or separation; every one in every thing discerneth this; but man hath the most perfect composition of any thing that hath an *animal life*, with sence and feeling: And add to that the great time he requires before he come up to his ful strength, this must needs require some hard knocks in the *dissolving*, as wel as it did receive time and strength in *coctting*. Secondly, That which is more then

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his, is the force of the imagination and apprehension both of death, and of Gods displeasure for sin; all which doth make him so mightily sensible, that the terrors of death is oft born before it comes, as in *Agag* King of the *Amalekites*. A word to a wise man is sufficient, because this is not my proper discourse intended in this place.

What hath been said, let it admonish all men as they tender the welfare of body or soul, not to be unfurnished for either, assuring that they wil not be hurt by true knowledge; & do therefore conclude, that the Medicine that strengthens and comforts the Vital Spirits, fortifies the heart, and purgeth and cleanseth the blood, is an Universal Medicine; for what temper or quality aboundeth and exceeds the poise of Nature, that is he an Enemy unto; as if a man have a Fever, that I suppose wil be granted to be too much fire; he is a perfect Enemy of that; or if Wind, drives away that; these things are common with me performed with my Pil, judge of it as you please; and I shal count it sufficient through Gods rich mercy and goodness frequently to cure, and frequently to ease pains and ails counted incurable.

It being taken for granted, that all diseases for the most part proceed from a poisonous quality, be-

trogenial to Nature; if any man list to deny or dispute this, I would gladly be informed by him.

For Agues, if this Pill be taken in reasonable dose two hours before the fit, and a glass of Sack, or Ale drank after it.

That is to say, so much as the patient finds by good experience that he can bear; and observe this order, two hours before the fit comes take two pils, and in the interim of fits take one pil.

The Patient being put into a warm bed disposed for sweat, at three times taking it (for the most part) is absolute cure, let it be never so maligrant.

The pil working by sweat principally in this Disease, requires a warm bed, and that two hours before the fit, because by that time the pils will contribute their virtue all over the body, so that instead of having a cold and shaking fit, the patient wil be asleep, and in a fine sweat, provided that you have given a right dose, that is, so much as the strength of the patient can bear, and the disease doth require; it hath fallen out oft, that one pil alone hath cured an Ague; and it falls out, that some that are compounded with other Diseases, wil not be cured with twenty; yet all do feel their benefit at the very first taking of it, which wil give them encouragement sufficient to per-

perſevere and give it time, if it be ſo that the Diſeaſe require it; for you may take notice that the Ague is but the beginning or fore-runner of many other Diſeaſes far worſe then it ſelf, as Dropſie, Scurvey, Jaundice, and oft-times Conſumptions; yet thorow the bounty of God I have helped many far gone with all theſe, with this pil, & very little other things to help: it is alſo to be noted how *irregular* many are in the uſe of means, who wil never give themſelvs time nor reſt, but finding their fit at the firſt & ſecond taking to be gone, wil no longer be ruled, and wil take no more; and thus in 6. or 8. days their fits come again, whereas indeed they had need to take them at leaſt fonrteen days after the fits are gone, that Nature may get ſtrength, & the blood throughly purged; & ſome that wil not be ruled, have come again and again, & urged their buſineſs permitted them not: but ſom of theſe, by that time the *Winter* hath come unto its depth, their buſineſs hath permitted them to dye. I do make mention of this to ſecond my admonition, & I do warn and charge, that although the firſt pil that you take, to your thinking hath conquered your Ague, that you notwithſtanding expect it as ſoon as the power of that pil is

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wrought out, except you supply with another, and that for some time, you may fear its coming again: There is not any case wherein people have more abused themselves, and me in my Credit and Pil, then in this business of Agues, all which might be easily helped, if people would follow home as they should; but let him that is disposed to play with his Ague; assure himself his Ague wil not play with him; neither let him think that it wil be set going with one violent potion; for experience telleth those, that so doing they do but drive themselves into the Dropsie, as extream vomiting with unknown powders; not but that a vomit is rational and necessary with other means; there would be no end for me to write particulars, the cures have been so many; for many hundreds have been cured herewith, and many have helped their Friends with my Pils, whose faces I never saw, and they are a living Testimony of the power of my pils.

The like for all kind of Fevers, onely instead of Sack drink White-Wine; but if the Fever have got head before this Pill be taken, and the Patient weak, and wanteth the benefit of nature by siege, there is a proper Clister to be taken to cleanse, open and cool the Patient, but upon their life not to neglect the taking of the Pills.

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As to Fevers through the bounty of *Almighty God* I think greater wonders have hardly been seen, how *speedily* and *effectually* this Pil in few hours doth over-rule the disease, and in a little time doth cure them, as may appear by the instances following. One of my neighbors comes unto me, and brings another with her, and desired me to visit her daughter which lay at the point of death, about eleven or twelve years of age; her sickness was an high Fever accompanied with extream shortnesse and want of breath, left off by a very honest and able Doctor, who told her Father and Mother, That if she desired any thing, they should give it her, for he would not prescribe or give any thing more unto her; & further, that she could not live until the morrow morning; she also said, that she would desire me if I thought good, to give her any thing, if she should die, yet it would be no discredit unto me, for they all looked upon her as dead although she were alive: I went with her, & took of the extract of my Pil; and truly I never saw in all my life greater weakness and yet live; at her Mothers entreaty I gave her half a spoonful of my Extract in White-Wine and Sugar, and said, if it please God that she do sleep and sweat (for neither of them she could not be

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brought unto) J do not much fear but that she may yet recover: while we were speaking a very little while, her mother telling me the manner how she fel sick, she turned her self about, said she, J think my child is asleep already. J wished her to feel on her forehead, & it was a little moist: J caused all to depart the room, & J went home; this was at four in the afternoon, and just about eight the neighbor that came with her mother, came in great haste, & told us that she had slept and sweat all that while, and now she was awaked and called for meat, and they desired to know what they should give her. J wil say no more of this, what is said, is true, and wil speake for it self; it is sufficient through Gods wonderful blessing upon the pil as the means, this Child is in perfect health, as far as J am able to judge, neither do J doubt but this with other instances wil stand in the face of envy it self, praised be God who giveth me many such like witnesses, whose record is true, and wil stand on my behalf both in Heaven and Earth.

Another instance J wil give you more strange then this; A Gentleman wel known comes to me with a greave Gentlewoman with him, and he told me he had an only Son of about thirteen years old, who had lain sick of a Fever about seven dayes, and

and that he neither did eat, sleep nor sweat, but did burn as if he were on fire, and that for want of rest he did talk idle, and that he had used means uneffectual, and did much fear his life, desired me to give something that might do him good: I gave with him a little Bottle of the aforesaid Extract of my Pil, and willed them to make haste, and presently give him one spoonful in two of White-Wine and Sugar, which as it appears, they did; I told them as I did unto the other, that if I did produce sweat and sleep, I did not doubt the recovery of his Son (in an ordinary way of Gods providence) and that I had daylie experience in like cases; and I further willed them to give him the like portion every half day until he was wel, if they thought good to follow my advice (which advice cost them nothing.) About two days after the ancient Gentlewoman comes again with the same Bottle, and I am sure I did hardly miss one spoonful, in so much that I would have forced her (if I could) to have taken all her money again, but I could not; and she said, That they made haste as I bad them, and what was wanting, they gave it him at that time, and he presently fel asleep, and also into a gallant breathing sweat; and so he lay asleep in his sweat six hours (for Nature having

ving eaſe, the Patient wil ſoon ſleep) and then he waked and called for meat, which they gave him, and it did wel agree with him, to all their exceeding joy & comfort; and ſaid ſhe, he is very wel, and doth continue ſleeping wel and orderly, and alſo eating his meat; and I give you a hundred thanks, and have brought you your bottle again, it may pleaſe God it may ſave the life of another, for he never took it but once. Now *I* do aſſure you, God Almighty the faithful and true Witneſs knoweth, that to my beſt knowledg *I* have not erred, no not in one title, as to the ſubſtance of the relation. Unto him therefore be all obedience, thankſgiving, praiſe and glory for ever, Amen.

The general Rule that I follow in giving this Pil, whether it be in a Pil, or in an extract, is to begin with little enough at firſt, wherein is both pleaſantneſs and ſafety; for ſom have fooliſhly flung off at once taking, becauſe they (it may be) have ſlept an hour or two longer then they expected; and it may be ſweat more then, and longer then they were willing; theſe it is evident complain of eaſe, yet is it their own fault for taking it their own way, and not after my direction.

It helpeth all Head-ach and Tooth-ach.

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Experience which is the trueſt informer, ſpeaks aloud in this matter alſo; for if a little Pil be applied unto the tooth, it (while one can tel fourty) gives eaſe, and often times never troubles more for that time: I was once with two or three Friends in cold weather, drinking a pot of hot Purl at the corner of Broad-ſtreet, the Maid of the Houſe almoſt mad with her teeth, and her Miſtriſs ſaid ſhe was ready to knock her brains out for madneſs: I gave her about four grains in a little pil, and bid her lay it to the aking tooth, which ſhe did, and preſently went to draw us drink, who came preſently up again laughing: My Friends thought I had conjured, they could hardly believe her that her teeth did ake; ſhe affirmed they were wel, and all her pain gone. I gave her a pil to take when ſhe went to bed, to make all ſure, which it did perfectly, ſo that her teeth aked not while ſhe ſtayed in that houſe. Many ſuch like I might relate, but becauſe I ſuppoſe belief in this muſt be granted, it is ſo common that many do much help this way, as I never hear of in all parts of the City and Country; but my advice is, to take it in a good doſe, & go to bed, and if the cold be great, to take three or four night after night, *i. e.* one each night; ſo it wil do thee many good offices, beſides

the help of the Tooten-ach; for if the defluxion of Rhumes be high, and there appear unto their present feeling nothing but pains of teeth; yet if they make not use of good means to stop and dry up that humor, they may expect the Scurvey, Consumption or Dropsie to follow, whereby their lives wil spend out in misery, and haste them to death: And for the Head-ach it is as ready help, and all kind of pains in the head: I never knew any grief of the Head stand with it but one, and the Gentleman said it was called a *Vertigo*, what that is, I am not so wise; but this I know, that the party grieved said he always was troubled with a scalding 'twixt the skin and the skul of his head; and I think (but that I durst not to be so bold with him) if this Pil had been applied to the skul of his head, it would have reached it better. But for any other pain or grief, although never so bad, or of long standing, it doth over-rule it.

It dries up dropping Rhumes, Catarrhs which destroy the Lungs.

Blessed be God I speak it with joy, the many which this Pil hath helped both in City and Countrey, which have been left of great and able men, and some of them so weak, that they have not been able to come

come to me: At this instant one man in *Northumberland*-Alley, a lost man in all appearance, both in his and his Wives judgement, even at once is a living Monument of God's mercy, and the Pils power and efficacy: I do verily believe I might have Certificates of hundreds of this grief onely, if I would desire them, under their own hands, with their place of dwelling: I do know wel hat the more good I am an instrument to do, he more some wil envy: I may not look to peed better then he that was without sin.

Presently helpeth any Cold, Cough, or Surfeit.

Which is also true, that although a mans Cough were never so violent, yet shall he not cough that night he takes a Pil til towards the morning a little; then it may be e may cough a little to cast forth his humes thickned; for lying 'twixt head nd lungs, defends the one, and sends up weet vapors into the other, that there is o coughing: Many people of great age at he gates of death to their thinking, God lessing this Pil unto them, are revived, and omfortably enjoy themselves, and are at ase, enjoying their breath in good order, hich before was ever ready to strangle. I o perswade my self, that the World never

injoyed more substantial help for all griefs of this kind; and let me tell thee plainly and freely, if the first Pil that thou shalt take, do not sufficiently speak for it self, I do assure thee that I desire to say nothing, neither wil perswade thee to take a second.

There was in *London* an aged and honorable Alderman, which for some years was much troubled with a Distillation or Defluxion of Rhumes from his head; this Gentleman spent and took much for the same of sundry of the greatest note, but to no purpose, as he informeth me himself; the first Pil of mine that ever he did take, although but a little one, did stop his Distillation, that he did not cough all that night, unto his great wonder; and I thank him he did in my vindication send unto those whose things before proved uneffectual; and let them know what one smal Pil of mine had done, which did win me and my Pils great credit. There would be no end of writing of particulars; we hardly pass a day without experiences of this kind, thanks be to God; and for such kind of colds as carry the symptomes of Ague or Feaver with them, if you take it betimes, and in reasonable quantity, as the Patient may bear; it is seldom but that one Pil brings you off Master; but if not (for it is

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ccording as the ſtrength of the infection
s) yet continue, and with ſmal patience
ll wil be overcome : *I* ſpeak by experience,
or I have oft in cold and foul Weather,
ome home with the apparent ſigns of both
eaver and Ague ; and then I haſt to bed,
aking one *Pil* juſt preſently, for every mi-
ute would be to loſſe ; and about four or ſix
ours after, I took another, always having
y me a Bottle of good Strong Water, that
n caſe of faintings I may refreſh my ſelf
ith a ſpoonful or two thereof, either by it
lf, or mixed with Ale or Bear ; and keep-
ng this order, that Feaver, nor one in ten,
ayes with me above twenty four hours, or
o keep me in doors all the next day, if the
eather be favorable ; and for any Surfeit,
ither of Diet, Drink or Labour, or any other
ay, it is as ready help as poſſibly the na-
ure of the Diſeaſe wil permit ; but if the
urfeit be by meat or drink, it wil work va-
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uently ; and ſometimes by purging onely,
nd ſometimes by both ; and if the *Surfeit*
e long taken, it will work higher than by
weat and urine, and wil cauſe the Patient
o break out more or leſs, according as the
ature and degrees of the Patient is, where-
y (through the bleſſing of God) it hath e-
inently ſaved the lives of many, as I

wil give you here a few instances.

A lusty and strong young man, upon strong labour being both hot and dry, met with smal Beer, and he drank freely, which did chil his fat and blood within him; he suddenly was sensible, and betook himself unto his bed, where he lay in a desperate condition, none expecting his life could be saved; his wife comes to me for him, making great complaint that they had spent all that they had, and words to that purpose; J gave her *Pils*, and heard no more of her; about three or four months after, by a meer accident J was with some, where also this man was in company: J knew not him, nor he knew not me, til by the discourse of the company he gained knowledge that it was J who gave Pils at the Tower; and he did there before them all make a relation of his long sad condition, and that his Wife found favor, said he, with this Gentleman, who gave me freely a smal pot of stuff to make Pils on; and the first Pil, said he, that ever J did take, J did find my spirits revive within me, and J never had more: And Sir, J crave pardon for my unthankfulness unto you, and now give you a hundred thanks, for under God you saved my life, *&c.* This man is always ready to speak to the ful height of what J have

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aid, and much more both of himself and
riends.

Another man coming up from *Manchester*
n cold weather, a man that used to be
nuch in the fire, and also to keep company,
by that time he got unto *London*, his spirits
were spent, having got Surfeit upon Surfeit;
nd being both perverse, and also covetous,
esolved to dye rather then fall into any
Doctor, Apothecary, or Chyrurgeons hand;
is Brother and Sisters persuasions were all
in vain, he being resolved to lay his bones
here, as he said: at last his brother thought
of me, and said unto him, that he would
bring a man to him, that was neither Doctor, nor Apothecary; then he began to
harken a little, but what was I then? An
Alchymist (which he understood as well as
Walthams Calf) I was brought (for I could
not say my friend, his brother, nay) and
found him in a lumpish, heartless temper,
and burning in a Fever; he regarded little
what I said, neither would be perswaded to
take any thing; till I having made three
little Pils, and first I took one my self, then
his brother took the second; and when he
saw that, he for shame took the third: It
did vex me, and yet it was some pleasure to
see the hoggish temper of the man; I hasted
and made two, and left them for to take at

other nights, if he liked the working of that in his belly; and all that I made was but little ones, partly because of the man's timorousnesse, and partly because of my selfe being from home: I willed him to hast to bed, and be kept warm: I came the next morning to see my Patient, he coughed, and told me he was much better, and gave me many thanks: His brother protested that they heard him break winde in the night (as he and his Wife lay in the Chamber over him) as if he would have blowed the bed from under him; and also when he came down to see him, that his Rugg with which he was covered, did stand all on a dew, his sweat coming thorow all the Bedcloaths. He got up while *I* was there, and did eat a little of a Neck of Mutton (the first meat that he did eat in *London*;) and as *I* stood talking with him, I thrust the two Pills together, and made up the number out of my Box, which he did not perceive; but the first Pill had done the work; for they both did not neare work so high with him as the first did; and in three dayes time this man was as well as ever he was in his life, and as chearfully went about his businesse: Unto God whose commandment gives healing, be all praise and glory for ever. *I* confesse *I* did receive too much respect; being but

but a poor weak instrument of so great and miraculous a work, considering the time of its performing, and I was as thorowly rewarded; for when he returned to *Manchester*, he sent me the best *Cheshire* Cheese he could buy for mony, as he promised me for my cure. *I* have given you the Particulars, with their circumstances, in this and diverse other instances for good reason, which is, that the ignorant thereby, together with my punctual direction, might be wel instructed, how in all cases they order themselves in making use of this *Pil*; for by experience I find, both say and write what I wil for direction, many forget, and many wil do what they list; but I hope all wil hold me excused; having afforded rules in abundance for direction, *viz.* Be sure at first to take little enough, and by little and little come on in quantity as you can bear it, and as your condition requires it (a wise man will cut his meat with his knife, but it may be that a mad man wil cut his throat therewith, yet notwithstanding the knife is good and necessary.)

One instance which comes now to my mind, I wil tel you; A very good friend of mine wel known amongst Trades men, was feasted by his Landlord at the time of

paying his Rent, with Veniſon and Reſpaſs wine, and being free and merry, did eat and drink freely thereof, but did not at all digeſt the ſame: Thus on Saturday morning he found himſelf indiſpoſed, and not well all the day, and grew worſe and worſe; at night he took one of my Pils (always having them in the houſe ready upon all occaſions) and goes to bed, in two hours time he begun to vomit, which he did very much with much illneſs, and as it may be ſuppoſed, wanted the moſt *P*art of the benefit thereof (in that caſe I would adviſe to have taken another) notwithſtanding he vomited and drunk much all night with great violence, and he burned inwardly, and was moſt unſatisfiedly dry (his drinking was out of meaſure) but ſtill inwardly burned worſe and worſe; and being ſpent, grew very weak and feeble, inſomuch that his Wife and Friends did deſpaire of life, and I being locked up in the Tower; could not be ſpoke with til betwixt ſix and ſeven in the morning. Being ſent for, I haſted, and took with me one *G*il of my Antidote, for Pils *I* knew they had in the houſe; and when I came to him, he was ſo weak he could not ſpeak unto me; his face and noſe, his hands and feet were all as cold as earth, I had little hopes of his life, for contrary

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unto these his stomach did burn like fire, which indeed caused him to pour into his belly so much small-beer, & by this time had no strength to evacuate it again, that his Surfeit now was double, as wel from unreasonable drinking of small-beer, as of Respas Wine and Venison; with his Wives good liking I gave him three spoonfuls of my Antidote in four spoonfuls of Treacle-water, (praying for a blessing, yet much feared his life) it gave him a little ease, as we conceived by his quiet lying: I hoped all vomiting had been staid, thinking that to have been the best for him: He lay still while one might tell (treatably) half a thousand, or thereabout; then he began to stretch out himself, and turned up the white of his eyes: We all that were spectators, were sorely distressed for him, expecting nothing but that his last breath was going from him; but contrary to our expectation he gathered up his feet, and twisted himself about, and started up (a great Bason much like a Barbers Bason, being ready, which he had used in the night) and there at once comes up such a full torrent as his mouth could admit, which quickly filled the great Bason, (such a vomit as I never beheld in all my life and am perswaded never shall again) and in the end of it comes his Respas-wine, and his Venison unwrought on by nature:

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for it is evident, that all the former vomiting did not reach the root of the matter: This vomit being over, and another Bason ready, he gave again another easie strain, & brought up again my Antidote just as he put it into his belly, both for quantity and colour, as near as we could guess; look you (said his Wife unto me) here is your stuff again: Well (said I) blessed be God for this stuff; he hath done wel for this time, the Lord make us thankful: I would not for more than I will speak of, your Husband had died, you would have thought ill of me and my Antidote. Through the goodness of God this man was about his business in two dayes time. This my friend, with all the rest present, are ready to witness what I have said, and more touching this matter. Unto God Eternal, Immortal Lord of Life and death, be praise, and honor, and glory, for ever, Amen. For he taketh the strong and hardy, and casteth them unto the dust of death, accotding to his will; and again, he taketh that which is ready to dye, and restores to life at his good will and pleasure; and who is he of the hardiest of men, that can withstand God.

It removeth pains of the breast, trembling of the Heart, and cleanseth the Blood.

I have not known any pains stand before it, in feavers, or any other grief, wherein

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is great crying out of pains and oppressions of the breast, but the first Pill gives relief. There is a very aged Woman by me on Tower-hil, hard by the Scaffold, who was almost off of her legs with extream trembling and aking of her heart, which was occasioned through a fright, and much grief; and she took this Pill for almost, or altogether these three years, and (thanks be to God) is now lusty, and far stronger and better than when she began to take it at first. That it is a forcible cleanser of the blood, it is evidently by its universal sweating and purging by Urine.

It helpeth sudden fits of Swooning, and Convulsions.

A young man very much troubled with fits, and oft would fall down, and foam in his fits, (*I* do not know what to determine them to be) and with the use of this Pil, and my Oyle of Amber, found present relief, which he thankfully acknowledged beyond expectation, and very many of each sex and age frequently have received the like benefit.

It drank with White-wine, cleanseth the reins and Kidneyes of Gravel, openeth the Uriny passages, drives out the stone (if it be not coagulated) and oft-times at urine sends forth like jags of lothor paper of sundry colours.

Of its power in cleansing the Reins, Kidneys and Bladder, many hath plentifully found

found by good experience, to their exceeding joy and comfort.

A good friend of mine going to *Colchester*, finds a Kinswoman very sick, and near death, of the stone and gravel; he gave her two or three Pils, *I* am not certain; but he brought me home five or six stones of considerable bigness, ful of sharp spikes, as pin points, and three-square which I have received; they also seemed as if they had been hung upon a string. Many more there were which we have not; but through the goodness of God this Woman, although near eighty, at once recovered hereon. Praised be God.

A man that came from *Ireland*, who had marryed an *Irish* Whore, who had a Husband of her own Country-men, did poison this English man three times; the last time wrought so strongly, that it took him off his business, his hair and nails came off: This man (very weak) came to *England* in hope of relief; this man had a perpetual thirst, and did drink without measure, but could not Urine it out, so that he was swelled, ready to burst, and all means which could be gotten could not help him, until God so ordered it that I heard of him, for a very good friend of his did desire my charitable assistance: I sent him six Pils, which wrought such happy effects, that after one of them given him, he fel

fel a making of water so out of measure, that he filled what was by him for that service, and then had no retention, but let all go in his bed. His friend had for him one quarter of an ounce more; *I* never saw the man, nor never heard more of him; but what *I* have said, is the true and faithful relation of his friend, as near as *I* am able to give it you.

A very old man in Ducksfield-lane, lay at the point of death with the stone, and could make no water for many days and nights together; so that in the judgement of his neighbours, there was no hope of his Life: One of his neighbours which did know the worth of my *Pils*, came unto me, and desired me to administer unto him. *I* told her that she knew wel enough that I never did undertake any thing, and that she knew wel enough the force of my Pils; and if she would venture to give it him, *I* would give her some, but to give it him by advice, *I* would give none, blaming her for letting it be drove so far, and the old man near death. She replied, The case was desperate, and other means was uneffectual, and she would give him a good Pil, although he did dye; for there was no way else but that for him: I gave her Pils with her; she gives him a good Pil; the old man by reason of pain, had not slept for many nights and dayes; he presently fals asleep, and slept

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four or five hours, and when he awaked calls for a Pot, and did so urine, that they had hardly things to receive it; and of a sudden this man was up, and about his busines. Blessed be God for all his unspeakable mercies.

A loving friend of mine who lives at present at *Chattam*, who knew welthe worth and safety of my Pil by much experience he had made, having a friend of his that was much troubled with the stone, and difficulty of making water; my Friend gives him a good Pil, and the next day as he stood straining against a brick wall to make water, at last there flew out a stone from him, and snapt against the brick wall where he stood, of an incredible bigness to be of a man's voiding, upon which this man was wonderfully released, to his great comfort; which stone my friend brings to us, and we have it at this present by us. Unto God Almighty be all thansgiving for ever.

A man comes unto me in behalf of his wife (a young woman) that was desperately afflicted, but none could tel her what her grief was, notwithstanding the woman was weary of her life; her pains and gnawing at her breast was so exceeding much, and the most conceived she had the foul Disease; (it was indeed a foul Disease) and *I* did also mistrust it, and *I* think the woman did likewise; but notwith-

otwithstanding made many protestations
or her self; I let them have Pills for their
ony, not doubting but they would make a
iscovery what the matter was; and so it was
hat my Pills did provoke strong vomiting,
nd at last comes up (as her Husband telleth
e) a thing that either was a worm, or like a
orm, but it had a strange kind of ugly head,
nd was at least twelve or fourteen inches in
. I did not see it, nor could hear any more
f it.

A woman at *Richmond* a long time grieved,
ut knew not what her grief was, but sore
ppressed at her breast; a neighbour of hers
ives her one of my Pils, which caused her
o vomit in a strong and violent manner; she
rought forth at her mouth clots of putrified
lood, and matter of divers colours, that
ing together that it might be drawn out be-
vixt one's hands, and like jaggs of linen
oath or paper; through God's blessing it
d preserve her, and she is in good health at
is day, praised be God for his rich mercy
nd goodness.

A very ancient Gentleman wel known in
e City of London, being much afflicted with
e Stone, and Gravel in the Kidneys, riding
to his Countrey-house, received a very gen-
: fall from his horse upon the sand; notwith-
nding it did hir him too much, insomuch as

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that his Urine was all blood; and (as might be gueſſed in reaſon, that) the ſtones in the veſſel wherein they were bred being ſharp pointed, pricked the Kidneys, which might produce bleeding: This Gentleman being careful of himſelf, cauſed a Coach to be that night ſent for, and haſted to *London*, where in reaſon help might be attained; and ſuch was his care, that when the Coach came in hard and ſtony wayes, he got out of the Coach, and went gently on foot: He applied himſelf unto the beſt means for help, as in reaſon were to be attained; but ſtill in vain: inſomuch that he did much fear his life by reaſon of his much bleeding; and as near as he could gueſs, he had loſt above two gallons of blood and water; A friend of mine viſiting him, perſwaded him to take ſome of my Pils, which he did, and with good and happy effect; for it did both ſtop his bleeding, & yet alſo brought away handfuls of Gravel; this Gentleman came unto me for more of my Pils, And this is the true relation, as near as I am able to remember, and thorow God's mercy he is ready to atteſt above what I have written. Praiſed be God, who gives life from death at his good will and pleaſure.

An Aldermans wife of this City being alſo grievouſly vvaſted vvith a Flux of Blood, that her condition vvas very doubtful; a vvo-

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an that J am perſwaded fears the Lord in uth, ſhe deſired to ſpeak with me, to take y pils, & in two or three days finds great lief, & in a day or two more was perfectly aled, and ſhe was about her buſineſſe, eſſed be the God of all mercies.

A Woman by *Biſhopſgate* newly brought bed, but very ſick of inward griefs, takes e of my Pils, which did bring a ſtone I ight gueſs as big as my great fingers end, it long, & one end much bigger than the her, her little daughter lighting on it, did te off (as ſhe ſaid) the bigger end; and if ue, then was it bigger then J have ſpoken; e brought it us, & left it for ſome Months ith us. Further ſhe telleth us, that this pil d bring from her by ſiege a thick, hard, ngealed matter, diſcoloured, & like *Orange* 's, at which they did more wonder than at e former. This woman did recover & en- y much eaſe & health long after it. To the oſt High who dwelleth with him that is of humble heart, & trembleth at his word, all praiſe & glory for ever, *Amen*. For J n perſwaded this woman did truly fear e Lord, and put her whole truſt in him.

A Gentlewoman that was rich, but of a ſcontented ſpirit, being near the point of ath, heard of my pils, ſhe took of it, but t according to *my rules*, but did *mix* it with

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ſtuff of her own, ſhe lived about 12. months after ſhe did begin with them, but got no ground, but grew weaker and weaker, til at laſt ſhe took the Pils alone; and when ſhe was ſo weak that ſhe could take no eart hy thing, neither bread nor broth, nor any Cordial either of her own, or any other bodies, ſhe would take a little of my pil, and that alone did keep her alive, & ſuſtain her for ten days, to the great wonder and aſtoniſhment of all about her, & had the uſe of her ſences ſo far, as to be much troubled at her kindred about the dividing of her Eſtate; for ſhe had no child, and was rich. This is a true relation, which the Nurſe that was always with her, doth give me.

A very old man near death, & bed-rid for a good while, meets with my pil I know not how, & did revive exceedingly. His Son-in-law being accidentally in my company, told me how *it did lift up his Father from the grave beyond all expectation*: I willed him to be careful of him, and told him, that if he did neglect him one night, it would endanger his life. About three Months after (as I do remember) I met him again, ſaid he to me, *But that I know you are an honeſt man, I ſhould have thought you had been a Witch, for* (ſaid he) *we forgot to ſend for Pills till it was too late, and the next day my Father dyed, then I remembred what you ſaid.*

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Another old man near fourscore, being ne in his limbs, & also grievously afflicted th a Rupture, was bed-rid, & could in no se help himself, not so much as to button Doublet, & to all demonstration was ve- near his end; this man with the use of my s did begin to feel his arms & his limbs, that he could do som necessary offices for nself; & continuing, began to stagger up his legs, & to feel himself upon his crut- es; and in short time this man first threw ay one crutch, and then another; so that w at this time this old man wil go from tcliff to *Westminster*, and back again in a y, on his feet, about his business, with on- a little short stick in his hand, praised be od.

A very old man upward of fourscore, lay o years bed-rid, meeting with my pil, did recover, that (as his servant tels me) the t Summer he did buy him a Horse to take pleasure in the Countrey withal.

A Knight lay bed-rid and lame of all his nbs in the *Kings Bench*, in such sort, as that could not scarcely stir one finger, but his nds & fingers pulled on heaps; this Knight eived 6. pils, which did so happy effect on n, as at once untied & set him at liberty: sent for me; I made not so much haste om at him as he desir'd, my friend from

whom he had the pils, goes to visit him, and he had took horse, and was gone about his business. Thanks be always given to God.

Also upon *Tower hill* doth live another old man aged fourscore and six years, who for some years lay bed-rid, and past hope, as to this World; this man with the use of my pil doth now comfortably enjoy himself, & rules over all his pains and ails, & doth rise up, and walk up and down the house, and keep the fire-side warm, and prevents his kindred of their expectation, to his great ease and comfort. To God alone, who commands, and it is done, be all praise and thanksgiving for evermore, *Amen*.

In *Colemanstreet* also liveth a very aged woman, who for a long time went to *Fishstreet* to fetch sewing-work, and through much weakness made 5. or 6. restings by the way, with very great pain & grief, in a little time making use of my pils, doth now go it with ease, & without any stop or turn; for which the old woman doth return all hearty praise & thanks unto God. I solemnly protest, that I do in my *conscience believe*, that I do receive more strength and nourishment by a good pil, then from the best meals meat that ever I eat in all my life. And therefore the madness of those doth appear, which through their ignorance do charge my pil with de-

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roying nature; but the best is, those that so lo, are such as ne're took any of it, they may better be allowed to *spend their verdict*; both old & young that use it, find the contrary by good experience; for I do not commend a thing in the air, or beyond sea, but a thing that near, or altogether one quarter of a pound is taken every night; & certain things concerning it may be attained: And I do wonder at the shameless slanders & forgeries of some, that one would think should a little more respect their credit; but it is best for me to let them forge on til they are weary: I am perswaded their lying is the way to make me thrive.

Some time since I met a very good friend who was not wel, I gave him 6. large pils fit for his own taking; but they being all run into one by that time he came home, his Wife made the 6. up into 9. & that night she took 6. of the 9. regarding not rule or order that I had given; and indeed any of the 6. had bin a portion sufficient for her to take: This Woman about 12. a clock in the night began to vomit, and so continued til 10. the next day, and much foul matter it brought from her; and after she had gained rest, and received meat, she found her self wel, and much eased of her oppressions. A while after I met her husband, who thankt me for working

ing such a wonderful cure upon his Wife: I replied, I never gave her any thing; then he told me what his Wife had done, and said, *That although he was afraid that she had killed her self, yet it proved very happily; for* (said he) *your Pills have not only cured all the pains and illness of her body, but likewise they have cured all her ill conditions too.* At which I (and some friends with me) fel a laughing: *Why* (said he) *it is true, for before she took your pills, she was so apt to be angry and peevish, I could please her in nothing; but since she tooke those Pills, she is the lovingest woman that may be, and so pleasant, that I give you thanks for them for my wife, for I my self took none of them.* Although this story is matter of laughter to those that heard it, and a ptoverb unto this day, and it may be as ridiculous to you that read it; yet if you please to consider, that it is pain that oftentimes makes peevish, the ease of a pain doth remove such peevishness.

A Woman comes to me sorely afflicted a long time in all her Limbs, and her torment was such as is not to be credited; the woman I perceived was exceeding sensible, and in most grievous extremity cryed out. I hasted and gave her of my pils. She comes the next day, and did so load me with thanks and praise, that my hearr did ake within me, lest

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God should be dishonored, this poor woman giving so much to me.

A Lady of an honorable *family* in this Nation, was sorely tormented all over her body, accompani'd with shaking of *joints*, was held 16. weeks under no smallmeans, but to as small effect: She sends for me in great haste, she desired my help, I presented her with such things as I had, whereof my pil was chief: The first pil that she took, took off her great pains; and when I came there about two days after, her painswere not only gon, but her *joints* lay asquietly together as my own did; for when I first took her by the hand, her bones did start & tremble as if they would never come near each other again. I say no more; God wil requite every one according as his Work shal be.

It also sends forth by vomit or otherwise, clods of blood, breaks inward imposthumes to astonishment, and effectually easeth pains got by Surfeits, Cold or Bruises; whereby many secret and hidden griefs are cured, which otherwise could not be discovered.

A Plummers Wife in *Bishopsgate-street*, having (5. years before) received some wrong in her delivery of two Children; in which time of five years, she was sorely afflicted with sundry griefs and pains, and fits of falling and swounding; insomuch that

this woman was very weary of her life, an whatsoever means she used, it proved unef fectual to her, but her pains & griefs did ſti encreaſe upon her; and by accident J me with her husband at a friends houſe, who ſpeaking of his Wifes miſery, withal ſaid, A poor as he was, he would give 10. pounds fo his Wifes help. J replied and asked him if he would give ten groats: J gave him ſix pils vvith him, and before they vvere ſpent, ſhe ſent me word ſhe vvas in a nevv World, and that ſhe, for ought ſhe knevv, vvas as vvel as ever ſhe vvas in her life-time: that the pills through Gods bleſſing had fully freed her from her grief, & that they did ſo handle her, that by *vomit* ſhe did bring up ſuch *clods* of blood & congealed matter, that ſhe vvas fain with her thumb & fingers to pul it out of her mouth: And further, that they did ſend forth by Urine as ſtrange matter to great eaſe and comfort, although to her great vvonder and aſtoniſhment. This Woman remains in health to this day, and will not fail to give teſtimony hereunto, thanks be given to God.

Another Woman being left for a dead Woman, took one of my pils, vvhich cauſed her to vomit up a *pint of matter*, as if it came out of a ſore, which no doubt but it did: ſhe ſent for an able Chyrurgeon to ſee it, vvho

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said it was better in her Bason than in her breast; she kept it two days for me to see it, but I saw it not. It pleaseth God thus wonderfully to bless its use; for many grieved some years together, and cannot tel what they aile, and all that they do advise with, are in several tales concerning what they aile, this pil when taken, assaults it, and by the Grace of God continuing with it, if curable, doth cure it.

A very old man upward of fourscore, being very weak with losing his *blood* at urine for above three years together, meets with my pils, presently found ease, and in a little time quite stopt his Urine of Blood, and brought away by urine abundance of *gravel* and skins like *jags* of paper for some time: This man hath used my pil for these three years unto his great comfort, & at this day is very hearty, chearful, and in health, & his urine clear as any other body's, blessed be God, who takes away youth, and reneweth old age at his good pleasure. And indeed it is wonderful to hear the *happy tydings* which people do bring us every day; & many who have affirmed to us that they have sold and pawned what they had, & spent it in seeking for *help*, but in vain, have here either for nothing, or for a small matter, found cure, and do fil our ears with the large acknowledge-

ledgement of God's good hand in bleſſing this pil, & truly my ſpirit is much more refreſht to hear ſuch returns, although it be not a penny advantage unto me more than the receiving of money, where I have truly deſerved it. Unto God alone I deſire with my whole heart may be aſcribed all praiſe & thankſgiving for all his wonderful mercies which he is pleaſed to ſhew unto the poor and needy who put their truſt in him.

Furthermore, this Pill helpeth the French diſeaſe (commonly called the Pox, or French Pox) *if it be effectually uſed.*

Before I come to ſhew its effectual uſe, as to this Diſeaſe, I muſt crave leave to ſpeak a little (but tenderly) to two or three ſorts of people; for ordinarily this diſeaſe comes not without abundance of wickedneſs, & I tremble to think of it, much leſs to ſet down its cure, without proteſting (on God's behalf) againſt thoſe accurſed ways that bring men into it; & indeed, were it not for the ſakes of many good men & women whom I do judg in my conſcience to be chaſt, & are infected through the wickedneſs & unfaithfulneſs of their yoke-fellows, I durſt have ſuid nothing of it all; & although theſe are but few in number comparatively, yet far be it from any *honeſt mind* to deny them help. *Solomon* in his Proverbs ſaith, *Stoln waters are ſweet, &*

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bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But they consi-
dernot that *death* is there, & that those steps
ead down to Hel; & such is the abhorring
f my soul against this wickedness, whereby
his disease is for the most part gotten and
ome by, that it is a sore fear left J should be
means to help any *miscreant* to *sudden cure*
hat is resolv'd to persevere in this *abomina-*
tion, and double his sins against the God of
Mercies: And forasmuch as the righteous
udgements of God overtake the Wicked,
lagueing them even in the force of their
usts, shal J be an instrument of their relief
et to sin? God forbid it; but for those that
ruly repent, and shew it by a chast conver-
tion, J should think it a happiness to be a
ealer, an easer of the pains of all such, yea,
profess my self the servant of all such; but
; J said, *God's just severity* is most conspicu-
us upon those who sport, and as they ima-
ine, pleasure themselves, striving to satisfie
nd fulfil (but in vain) their bestiality, and
ere they not left & given up of God unto
sordid slavery, unto the fulfilling the desires
nd lusts of their concupiscence, bond slaves
Hel & the Devil, they would easily discern
ey labor altogether in vain; for can the o-
an, the gulf or grave say, It is enough?
r what man laboring to fulfil his desire, is
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more thereunto? Can desire be ever satisfied or filled? And so always is the Quiver of an Whore, always open, & cannot be filled, but like the grave, ever craves, Give, give, & he that is appointed to perdition, is taken by her; the wise King tels us, That *a whore is a deep pit, and the abhorr'd of God to fall therein.* A *dreadful præcipice!* God grant ears to hear it while the day of hope lasteth; and it is my hope to admonish by this unto the preservation of many; & how light soever this uncleanwickedness is accounted, yet let all the guilty know, their names are accounted amongst those that shal not inherit Eternal life, but for ever receiving their portion in the blackness of darkness, from the *presence* of the Lord for ever. O thou Adulterer and Adulteress, would God thou couldst hear: but thou, O thou who already hast received the *beginning of torment*, how *miserable* of *mankind* art thou above all others! And to thy further *judgement* know, that when thy now rotting body is destroyed, thou again shalt receive a *spirituous* body, capable of bearing and receiving a flood of wrath, and as then thou hast received a body *spirituous* that shal remain unto eternity, so wil the vengeance of God be poured out against all *ungodlines*. Now thou hast but a taste, and yet O how thou roarest out as thy limbs rot; but what is

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hat to that ocean, or expanſion of wrath prepared. Let this awaken thee, if thou be not paſt feeling, to break off (I ſay) thy ſins by true and timely repentance: God Almighty open thy eyes to ſee thy redoubled miſery, that ſo thou maiſt enquire after mercy, then the blood of Chriſt wil be precious unto thee; but wo is upon us, who are born in a giddy, drunken Age; drunk, but not with Wine. And here alſo I cannot get forward, but muſt crave leave to trace this a little, and you wil be ſenſible that it lies concentrick with the former; and now I come to ſpeak unto a ſecond ſort of people, amongſt whom *I* believe there are many that have received in their ſouls the power of endleſs life: I ſpeak of thoſe that have ſhewed great zeal and forwardneſs in building Tabernacles for God to dwel in, who have poſted into Churches, and ruſhed upon all Ordinances, which things are good if performed with clean hands, and pure hearts; but wo is me when I conſider the works of the unwary, the headineſs and preſumptions of many; and in my time and obſervation within theſe twenty five years paſt, having been an eye-witneſs of the beginning, riſe and fall of many, I cannot but ſpeak a word (although gently) unto theſe, and am forced to ſpeak it aloud, be-

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cause I by woful experience have found them dul of hearing; for many amongst them puffed up, have miserably faln into this pit, many of whom I fear have not yet repented, or if they have, yet bear with me, it is not yet to me evident; sure I am, this pit is not for Saints to fall into, nor many returns; although your way of returning is broad and easie, yet I much fear not so with God; it were wel if Justice in this case went hand in hand with Mercy, that those that sin, might be admonished, and fear, which is one principal end of rejection, but these alas, with ease find entrance, but not so with others in other cases less material: it were wel if you were clean every whit, notwithstanding the feet must be washed, the iniquity of the heel strove against; many lift their head on high, and I pray God keep them from falling. It is a dangerous thing for men to make idols of Ordinances, to put more in the dipping of water, then in the regenerating of the spirit; there is a golden mean, he is happy that finds it, and walks therein; there is a promised spirit to direct when we turn to the right hand, and when we turn unto the left; too too many neglect or despise visible Ordinances, and too many plant Religion in them, and in divers forms wil prepare

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Tabernacles for the God of *Israel*; but unto us there is but one God, and one Rule of Righteousness; Men will at all rates have a covering; but the wo belongs to them that cover not by, and with his Spirit. Let me in much soberness enquire of you, (and it would be a *joyful* time if indeed you would consider) Whether your rash and hasty zeal, running upon Ordinances not spirited from on high, hath not been an occasion of stumbling, and of falling unto many; for having no sealing presence, but rather a barrenness which from hence as in your hands, may be called presumptuous; I say, this discovers, that men seeing no beauty to enliven them, faint; How many have you with sighs complaining, that they are filled with deadness in your assembling; but at home when they exercise their meditations on the riches of free mercy in Christ, then filled with consolation.

You may note, that at this time, and in this place, I would say no more then to awaken you to consider how you have been an occasion of stumbling to many from the forelaid grounds: I freely spare you, coveting rather to cover, then to discover; neither would I charge all for the faults of some, but this I must say, it is like to go ill

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when the ruling spirit is the spirit of this World; when the whole head is sick, and the heart heavy: What should I say to make you hear, and yet cover you all over with love: The Most High cover you when he maketh inquisition for blood, when his dead body shall live, when his righteousness shall arise, when he hath purged *Jerusalem* with the Spirit of Judgament, and with the Spirit of Burning, then wil he be a defence upon all your glory, and not til then; but evident it is, your glory he stains, neither is he any defence upon it; an account must be given, *Who requir'd these things at your hands?* When many shall say, *We have done these and these things in thy Name*; it wil be said, *I know you not*; it wil be then, *Wo unto the sinners in Sion, fear shall surprize the hypocrite.* That generation of men at this time wil be to seek, which say, *Stand further off, I am more holy than thou*: Those I speak of, which are pure in their own eyes, and are not washed from their filthiness; those who separate themselvs from those from whom Jesus Christ doth not separate himself: those who make dipping the ground of their communion, rather than union with Christ: it is a wonder to look back and consider the fiery zeal of many, and whereunto it hath tended: God grant the rest

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nay be admoniſhed to pray and wait until
he Temple be opened in Heaven, and a
vely Viſion of the Ark of his Covenant:
e preſumptions of men now in this dark
d ſmoaky day, is to be wondered at; but
is evident, no man can enter til the ap-
inted time; and indeed it is evident, that
cepting thoſe Ordinances which are
anted in common, which indeed are ſpi-
ed; the other (whereby they vvil be
own and diſtinguiſhed) are without life,
d is in their hands a carkaſe. All I have
ſay further, is, J beſeech you in the bow-
of Chriſt Jeſus, conſider how far you
ve been an occaſion of ſtumbling, or
mb unto the gender of this third gene-
ion of men, vvhereof J come now to
ak; for when men (as J may ſay) have
nd little but politick vvorkings as men,
d have not either diſcerned that beauty
loth of good right belong unto Goſpel-
dinances: Or vvhen men diſhonouring
d, uſe Gods Ordinances for Earthly
ls, it is juſt with God to give them up
o a ſpirit of ſlumber, to believe a lye,
auſe they did not receive the truth in
love of it: Nay, too many deſignedly
get into Churches on purpoſe to heal
ir galled Conſciences (little thinking
at is required of them there) and ſhroud

under a cloak of Religion, gain being t
them godlineſs. Mark by how much the
approach, or do eſſay to come up unto th
primitive pattern, aſſure thy ſelf, ſo muc
the more wil the ſeverity of the Higheſt b
reveal'dagainſt thee, whoſe firy eies of beau
ty & glory wil not bear thy hypocriſie: R
member *Ananias* & *Sapphira*; therefore I hav
obſerved wel what hath brought people t
deſire toget into this or that *fellowſhip*, wh
ther to ſerve as *Chriſt* did, or to be ſerved; t
perform their own duty in *humility*, or onl
clamor upon their priviledge; for you ſha
perceive quickly who ſent them thither,
how forward theſe wil be! apt of tongu
confident in opinion & fears, cenſorious
and this laſteth a very little while, and b
and by he is beyond them, and now he
beyond theScripture it ſelf, and wil have
no judge of his ſpirit, but wil judge it b
his ſpirit: Have I not ſeen theſe fall off b
companies? What then? think not tho
that I ſpeak againſt the Commandmen
and Ordinances of the New-Teſtament
had rather my tongue ſhould be for ev
cut out of my mouth) or againſt the Chr
ſtian and conſcionable adminiſtring th
ſame; but this is to ſhew how they hav
been, & may be abuſed, in doing of whic
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e World, which otherwise could not be;
d I am constreined to unveil (as wisely
God enables me) this mysterie of iniqui-
, that you whom it concerns, may be-
re; and if the glory of God, nor eternal
vation wil not prevail, yet that long life
d health of body may prevail with thee,
u must know, that the higher thou arri-
t in the profession of Christ, the fiercer
thy fall be when not supported: *If that*
t which is in thee, prove darkness, how great
hat darkness! And if thou be a builder,
k to thy self, that thy foundation be the
e Rock, otherwise great wil thy fall be;
l know, the returning evil spirit doth
ng with him seven worse then himself,
worse wil be thy latter end: My heart
eds within me, when I call to mind how
ny great Lights or Stars have been
own from heaven, faln from the Pinacle
he Temple, down to hel; from most fie-
igidity, unto all abominations: Think
that I am unfurnished of a Cata-
e; miserable it is the rest are so blinded
ot to lay it to heart, so to heart, as again
ake up their way, and whole walk, and
with trembling, and set straight steps
o their feet, lest that that is halting be
ed out of the way also; I wil at this
abreviate this discourse for the truths

sake, which you have yet a pretence unt
I know there are a few Names amongst yo
which have not defiled their garments; f
their sakes I should count it a happiness
serve you. *I* wil conclude with a relation
one of you, which J know is remembred
many of you, a fierce zealot, which w
very conformable, as indeed did excee
and J must needs say, (from one word
once heard him speak) J had good ho
that the truth had had some rooting
him, *viz. That he was so sensible of the dece*
fulness of his own heart, that he durst not look
on a woman. This man takes in that gener
tenet of all destruction, viz. *That the Scr*
ture was a dead Letter: This man, with t
rest of his Accomplices, was soon inspir
from the King of Pride, that they had
themselves the Spirit, whereby they kno
and judge all things, and also the Scriptur
themselves; so that now their spirit shal n
be judged by the Text, but shall judge t
Text. This infallible man was restless, a
quickly threw off all duties both publi
and private, for a season; they must n
speak til their spirit moved them; but the
spirit soon moved them to make use of, an
abound in their pure, or rather impure li
berty, that is, to glut and satisfie them
selves in uncleanness. This Wretch bein

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ng, held out some time; but abusing
nself in all blasphemies, riot and excess,
lue time the Rot, or the Pox overtook
m; but I speak of this one man, his tor-
nts grew strong upon him, and to me (of
men) he would not come or send; what
used as means, was too weak. And thus
a long time he lived blaspheming God,
roaring out of his torment; at last he
his Wife using the mediation of ano-
, sent to me, I could not deny her
gs for her mony: he was then past com-
himself, she said his heart was as whole
as sound as ever, and that he would
s good a meals meat as ever, and di-
it as wel; but except he had one of my
in his belly, he did lie rocking his
bs, and roaring out of his intolerable
; and the next Week as she came to me,
Strumpet with impudence said she
ld dye of no disease but the Pox, and
friend that came with her, told me,
as this man was sitting by himself, his
fel off from his face with meer rot-
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onclude with most serious admiration
od's righteous judgements upon these,
in the prime of their days are taken a-
, and are gone unto their own place
ver, to receive the fruit of their doing.

And that which doth much heighten my ſtoniſhment, is, That the Higheſt doth wonderfully puniſh this Wickedneſs in th life, that they live ſome years in bitter to ment, and yet hearty and ſtout while th rot away by pieces, their vitals and senc quick, as I may ſay, as prepared of God ſuffer abundance of pains while in th World. And before I come to give y the way of cure of this ugly Diſeaſe, I mu crave leave to ſpeak to this third ſort people, commonly called *Ranters*, for they are; and theſe are of two ſorts, the o like unto this that I have named, and the ther (which is the worſe and more dange ous) hold yet in appearance ſomewhat preaching and prayer, & would be thoug to excel all others in ſpirituals: *I* ſay, the are the worſe; for by how much the mo any thing that indeed is evil, and doth hi it ſelf under the cloak or mantle of *Religi* it is ſo much the more dangerous a pernicious, moſt apt to leaven and delu the ſimple minds, til they alſo by a ſmoo Satanical ſubtilty, are drawn in, and b come hardened, and then the high Ra or black *Devil* doth not at all affright the being before-hand prepared and ſpirit thereunto; for the high Rant counts all legitimate that cannot range in the dep

all abomination, as swear, drunk, whore
it of measure; yea study to excel in exe-
rations and blasphemy, and do all this
ithout the least *remorse*, or sign of *remorse*.
ut this other sort for their credit sake,
id also because of encrease of their ad-
antage in their Callings, and also prefer-
ients in the Common-Wealth, wil not a-
ow this plainness, yet do account it their
ure liberty, and that is their pure liberty
r all of them to live, holding community
f Women, and all to abide in their pure
damical freedoms, pleasing themselves in
ll things; and some of these to my own
nowledge, who both speak, and hold, and
ractice these evils, (except they belye
hemselves) are of their forwardest, and J
hink their eminentest Preachers, which
ould seem to those that hear him, as if he
ere caught up into the holy Mount, ac-
ounting themselves above all ordinances:
hese surely are the worst sort of men that
ver breathed upon the face of the earth;
or these have not only been hoised up on
he higheſt pinacle of the Temple, but are
niserably thrown down into Hel; in their
wn imagination they are far higher then
he higheſt pinacle, conceiving themselves
ar above all instituted Ordinances, and
lo bitterly hate, despise and persecute

with a manifeſt wrath all thoſe that do i
the fear of God practice, walk, and live i
them, which is indeed a manifeſt token o
their perdition; for many of them have i
their own giddy-headed & unſtable mind
run through all Religions, that they migh
both hate and perſecute all; the God o
mercy put into the hearts of our Rulers t
preſerve us from the rage and fury of thes
whom the Apoſtles of Chriſt, *Peter* an
Jude, doth moſt lively ſet out in their pro
per colours; and yet theſe would not be ac
counted to be *Ranters*, although as is ſaid
ſeven-fold worſe: I wil here give a true re
lation of ſome paſſages concerning one o
their chief Teachers.

A good Woman whoſe husband is at *Barbadoes*, having occaſion of buſineſſe concerning Trade in behalf of her Husband, was deſired to accept of half a pint of Wine; this good Woman looking upon him to be eminent in godlineſſe, and her ſelf at that time ſtood in need of refreſhing, went to the Tavern with him; by and by he changed his behaviour, & ſhewed himſelf what he was, & by his light ſcurrilous language declared himſelf to be what he is, and in plain words and deeds would needs have been abuſing her body; and many arguments he uſed to draw her thereunto, as I

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ave them from her mouth, *That she was sick r want of a man, and why should she not use her berty? and for his part he knew if his wife look- l on, she would not be offended with it; nay fur- er, that it was his salvation that he had done , his wife looking on; and that if he had not used is liberty, his purer liberty* (as he called it) *had been dead long ago*; and named other er sons, some of great quality, that Hus- and and Wife gave each other liberty, and ith his might inveighed against Ordinan- s, and refusing him in his filthinesse, he lled her Whore, and much to that pur- ose, for submitting herself to forms as he lled them. The relation of his beastliness xpressed by him, I was ashamed to hear, d cannot write; but he highly commend- l the beastly openness and nakedness of e Moors and Heathen in the *Indies*, that ey were without shame, he esteemed it a gh virtue which did excel us here. This thy man, or man of filthinesse, without ame, after God had delivered this Wo- an out of his hand for that time, yet was t on again and again by him; and when e saw that he could not draw her unto his thy lust, then enquired if she had told a- y body; but if she had, yet it was not atter of shame unto him; and indeed I ink I should have done good service to

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the Nation, if I had here named him: its pity all such have not a brand on their fore-head, that they may be known who they belong unto: I speak with grief of heart, I have known this Varlet, this worst of men, I say, J have known him a giddy professor of Religion above these twenty years; & J have heard him my self when we have been speaking of the Scriptures; for he askt me seriously if J did use to read them: J told him, yea, with joy and gladness, and they were to me more then my life; he replied, so could not he, neither did he read any book, he hearkened only to the voice of the Spirit within him; and that while he made conscience of reading and expounding of Scripture, and of Family duty, and going to hear Sermons, and repeat them, he all that time was without peace; but now he had not for some years done any of those things, and that he was at rest in himself.

J have not in all this spoke the least of this vile person, and you may by him truly take a view of the rest of that fraternity, what they are, and where they wil center. J hope this relation wil be matter of caution to many, not always to credit, or be too apt to give heed unto the smooth delusive tongues of men; these study to obtain hardness

nes of heart, impudency of face, that they might commit wickedness with greediness; and therefore do deride at the torments of Hel: Nay, one of this company hath put out a book in print, wherein he doth avow there is no hel but what is in a mans self; so that by their Doctrines, if they can but stifle their own consciences, they have freedom, and sin is no sin; for so they affirm: My soul is pained within me when I think of these, and of the just vengeance prepared of God for these who do withhold the truth by their unrighteousnes: O wretched and most miserable of mankind! how is it that Satan hath thus filled your hearts, and the filth of your flesh thus deluded you? You begun wel, who hath hurt you? What hath Christ Jesus & his Gospel of peace done unto you? How is it that you wil be made perfect in the flesh? What good things have you found in your selves, that comparing your selves with your selves, you now worship your selves, nay, your accursed lusts and beastlinesse? How is it imaginable that man (indu'd with common Reason) should thus be seduced? I know there is not one of you but do feel the flashings of fire in your consciences: What wil you do when you shall appear with your works following after you, when God

God that cannot lye, wil set your sins before your face: J know you labour to stifle such thoughts as these. O beasts of men! O most devillish whilst men! How is your vengeance heightning! Have you professed the fear of God, (many of you) to end in this cursed Apostacy, for whom the blackness of darkness is reserved for ever? O that there were thoughts of returning in you! Hel beneath hath enlarged her self to receive and meet you at your coming. O miscreant of man! how long dost thou think to wallow in thy lusts, serving evil concupiscence, drinking iniquity like water, made fat for slaughter? J ask, Whether these be not they for whom supplication is not to be made? Alas! alas!. my heart bleedeth within me, when J consider that some of you have not only professed the Name of Christ long, but also suffered both imprisonment, and fled into far Countreys out of a zeal for his Name, and now have spew'd up all at once, and returned unto your old Lusts (from which you were purged) as a dog unto his vomit, or a Sow that was washed, unto her wallowing in the mire, receiving the just recompence of your error, *viz.* Seven Hellish spirits far more worse then the first, that you might fall into the damnation of Hel, and be damn-

damned together, even the condemnation of the Devil: Be not deceived, God is not mocked, as a man soweth, so shal he reap; & of these I speak aloud, expecting nothing but plague and pox to follow them, the reward of their labour: I know it boiles amongst them already.

I know some wil wonder why I have spoken so much of these, and of this Disease, and why I have spoken unto good people with these: Therefore this thou must know, First, I speak unto all men, and all sorts and ranks of men, to admonish them all. Secondly, A clean heart is not hurt, nor wil be offended at any thing I have said. And thirdly, I could not break this order with the discharge of my Conscience. And fourthly, Without this that I have said both in whole and in part, I durst not give thee the true & clear way of cure of this detestable disease, & also the difference 'twixt this disease and most other, because that this is not had usually without abundance of wickedness and sin, first, against God. Secondly, against thy *own body*, which ought to be the Temple of God, preserved in holiness unto him, and not given unto an Harlot. Thirdly, against thy relations, who hath power over thy body; but other diseases which are common to man, proceed from

from sundry other causes which are not in themselves sinful, & for these causes I have thus spoken, and hope thereby to be an instrument in the hand of God to pul some poor soul or other out of the fire; and indeed (as I said at first) had it not been for the sakes of some who are clean, but bestowed with some such beast or bruit of mankind which hath poluted them, I should have said nothing at all of this disease, but I do judge it much better that many of the worst partake of the blessing with the best, then that one of the best should languish in the torture of the worst; and therefore I do set down the most safest way, speediest, cheapest and freest of pain and torture, I verily believe that is in the World.

Rec. Take two ounces of my Pil, and lay it thin upon a wel-glazed dish, set it to dry but not in the Sun, and it wil quickly be fit to bring to powder; drive it thorow a Lawn or Hair-Sieve, put this powder into one quart of White-Wine, or that which is better, *viz.* make a Lixivium, or strong Lye of *Chalkes vive*, or White-Lime, for this is most stately, and operates very potently both by sweat and urine, as is much proved every day, and is (although despised) a great blessing; and moreover *I* assure thee from knowledge, is chief with some as universal, who

who have a vulgar fame in Phyſick: Uſe which thou wilt, I do by experience commend this laſt to excel: Let this be done in a glaſs bottle, ſhake it oft, and in twenty four hours it wil be fit to uſe, but longer is better: Diſpoſe thy ſelf apart, if thou wouldſt ſuddenly be wel, and thy ilneſſe require thee, and have warm accommodation, and a good tender and careful nurſe; eat and drink the beſt that can be got for money, and always have ready good Wine and ſtrong-water by thee, becauſe of a ſudden a windy fainting wil come upon thee, and a ſudden gone, at ſuch a time a ſpoonful of good Cordial-Water is neceſſary for thee; ſee that thou ſweat by day, and not in the night, when thou maiſt have good tendance; ſweat not with this extract, but every other day, and then do it to purpoſe, as thou findeſt thy ſtrength; if thou beeſt of a middle ſtrength, the firſt time begin with ſix ſpoonful in ſix ſpoonful of White-wine, and then obſerve by that how thou doſt bear it, and encreaſe accordingly: ſo alſo in all caſes begin with little enough, and come on with diſcretion; but know in this diſeaſe thou muſt charge home, to the end it may accompliſh thy deſire; and at once as it were, it whirls all thy diſeaſe into thy skin, ſuperficies, or moſt extream parts,

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and in the other night the day that thou doſt not ſweat thy greateſt ſweat, take at night a good pil of 16. or 20. grains, if thou findeſt thou art able to bear it, and that wil maintain & keep what the other hath gotten; for thou muſt know, that thou doſt take the ſtrength of 8. or 10. pils when thou doſt take the extract thereof; for thou art not able to bear his earthly body, it would ſuffocate thee; but being only his more ſubtile and ſpirituous part, it works ſafe and miraculous, not only in this Diſeaſe, but in many, or all other Diſeaſes; and when thou haſt it all in thy skin, fear not, but go on the ſame way, and if any part break and run, fear it not, it wil not fail thee, if thou do not neglect thy ſelf, but it wil both throw all out, and heal it when it is out, as thou maiſt perceive by the inſtances ſet down in this Book; only uſe thy ſelf to great carefulneſs in the time of thy cure, and alwayes ſweat and be hot til thou art wel; for there is no danger but in taking cold, which thou maiſt eaſily prevent if thou be careful of thy ſelf, and follow while thou art in the way, and all wil be done at an eaſie rate; for I have deſerved twenty pounds, when I have not had twenty ſhillings; I never undertook any Cure in my life, nor never mean to do; yet have helped many at ſmall rates, at ten ſhillings,

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at five shillings; the most that ever I had of a-
ny, was three ponnds five shillings for my
things onely, and I think a notabler cure is
seldom done, as some of good quality can
bear testimony.

A young woman comes to me pained in her
throat, head and bowels, of this disease, as all
supposed, and she her self did much fear, be-
cause her Husband's first Wife was noted for
light Huswife; this good Woman almost kil-
ed her self with grief, and for two years ran
up and down amongst Doctors and Chyrurgi-
ons, but in vain; and the Chirurgion made
holes in her throat by lanching it, & such like
foolish things: At last she comes to me, and
I gave her of these Pils, & by that time she had
spent one shilling, she told me she was as wel
as ever she was in her life; and I am confident
in three years time I did not take five shil-
lings of her money, but she continues in per-
fect health, I could not have believed it, till
me had made it evident.

*Cures some kind of Gouts, easeth the most ma-
lign, brings the Patient into quiet rest.*

A Woman lame eight years of a Gout,
which did disable her in all her Limbs, that she
could neither stir hand nor foot; when she
came to me, her Joynts were very much knot-
ted: The first Pil she took, being in a kindly
heat, both she and her Husband told me thi

ſtory: She began to ſtir her fingers, which was very ſtrange to her; and a while after ſhe could get her hands unto her mouth. To be ſhort, in three days time ſhe could go about her Chamber which ſhe could not do in two years before that time.

A Gentlewoman removing her dwelling into *Lime-ſtreet*, got an extream cold and Surfeit, as ſhe doth report, J do ſuſpect it to be otherwiſe; However, ſo it was, that ſhe could neither ſtir hand nor foot, but was perfectly uſeleſs to her ſelf, onely as by main ſtrength of two or three which were always ready, did lift her: And this uſeleſneſs of Limbs, accompanied with extream pains. This Woman in a matter of three Weeks time, uſing onely my Pils, although it was cold Weather, was perfectly wel unto all demonſtrations; and J by accident ſaw her go along the ſtreet, & truly (although an ancient Woman, yet) ſhe did hold up her head, and vvent as ſtraight and as nimbly (a good luſty pace) as any young Woman vvhatever: And although ſhe ſent me vvord ſhe vvas vvel, yet it vvas far from me to think ſhe had been ſo vvel, and that in froſty Weather. Jt is to be noted, vvhen J ſomtimes ſay they have nothing but my Pil, I do include the extract of my Pil, and alſo the Oyl of Amber, with which oft times J do annoint, and al is but my Pil.

A Woman in St. *John's-street* was sorely afflicted with the Gout and Sciatica, that in her extremity she did roar out in such a hideous manner, as did much disquiet the neighbours, and no ease or cure could be attained. Her Husband came to me with such pitiful moan for his Wife, as did much exceed: I was much troubled for him, and gave him of my Pils, and sent him away, and told him that by that time the Pils were warm in her breast, that she should have ease, & her pains would cease, and that she would go to rest: He did as I ordered him; and when he came again, he said, That by that time his Wife had taken a Pil, in one quarter of an hour she did find such ease, as if she had been in Heaven. And truly this man (in the name of his Wife) did load me with thanks, as if *I* had done it. I bless and praise the *God* of Heaven, who hath saved my life, and brought me through great pains and sickness for this happy end, even to use a poor instrument in his hand for ease and refreshing of many. And further, (as I take it) about three Weeks or a Month (I am not certain which) this Woman came from S. *John-street* unto the *Tower* to me, to fetch for her self more Pils.

A little Boy having four of his Fingers cut off by that Disease called the *Kings-Evil*; and the place where his fingers were cut off, did al-

ways ſtand with a drop of water upon them; but next day after the taking the firſt Pil, there was no drop of water as formerly; at which the Parents did much wonder. And the Boy grew extream quick and lively in whatever he did, that they were very ſenſible of his real benefit.

Another boy lame of his Limbs and Feet from a Childe, ſo that he could not go to School, nor hold a Pen in his hand; and by that time he had taken three of my Pils, he was grown ſo ſtrong, that he ran up a pair of Stairs before me, and *I* made him hold a Tobacco-pipe in form of a Pen, and he then held it as ſteddily as I or any in the room could do, which indeed was far more then was to have been expected in ſo ſhort a time.

And many that have been troubled with one Arm ſhorter than another, and with great pains in particular Joynts, this Pil through Gods goodneſs hath proved ready help unto them.

An old man belonging unto the Charter house many years, troubled with Ptiſick, ſtraitneſs of breath, that with great difficulty he went about; alſo one Arm begun to ſhrink and grew ſtiff, ſo that he could not make uſe of his pocket, as formerly he had done; with a little uſe of my Pil did receive his breath at length, and his Arm at length alſo: And a

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e and I were going together along the Walk before the *Charter-house*, said he to me, *Look you how I go, and what a pace I go*; I *could not have done so before I took your Pills, but I must have stood and gaped like a Camelion, for breath, I do not know how oft, in going the length of this Walk.*

A vertuous Gentlewoman of good note, & my very good friend whom it hath pleased God to visit with much sickness for a great many yeares, and now lately it fell out to be very sore in her head: this Gentlewoman having made use of the ablest Doctors, but her grief could not be helpt; insomuch that this good woman was almost in dispair, did much fear her sences, and all that could be done, could not bring her head to purge until she met with my *Pils*, which did most powerfully accomplish her desire, and did set her head a Purging at her ear, and shortly very sweetly cured it, to her exceeding great joy and comfort; with the joy of her family.

A Gentlewoman that liveth at *Westminster*, that wel knew the use and worth of my Pills, went with some other Gentlewoman to *Bar-net*, where she drank water in abundance, but without judgement; she presently fel into an extream scouring, she sends with what hast could be to me for half an ounce of my Pills, the use and virtue of which she very well

knew; but before they could come at her, she was far spent, and had entertained a Doctor whose advice she was forced to follow, such was her weakness of a sudden; but so it was that this lusty young Gentlewoman in a matter of six or seven days, was brought home in a Horse-Litter, hard put to it for life: This Gentlewoman lay under the Doctors hand for two Months, and was brought into such extream weakness as is not fit for me to relate, nothing but death expected: All this while my Pils was too low to them. and the Gentlewoman had abundance of other things forced on her, but in vain: At last she beseeched her Husband if he loved her, to send for me, otherwise she was a dead Woman pleading her conformity to him in using all the while what means he and their Friend thought good: This Gentleman being touched with pity to her, at her request sends a Letter to the Tower, but I was in the Country, and he straight sends a Letter unto *Wanford*, where *I* was; and I not hearing anything from the time her Messenger came unto me from *Barnet*, much wondered that she should suffer so long sickness, and J not hear thereof: At my coming she was glad, and was much supprized to see so stout and lusty a woman so strangely reduced to nothing, insomuch, as had it not been that J was sent for

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h her Name, J could not have known her: J ook with me my Pils and Antidote, J gave er two ſpoonfuls of my Antidote, which did nſwer my epectation; for it put her into a reathing ſweat, and alſo ſhe ſlept a matter f four hours: J ſtirred not my foot til through the bleſſing of God) J had very ood ſigns of her recovery. But when J ſaw he ſurly behaviour of all (as wel the ſervants s kindred) through the whole Family, J did ot wonder J was not called ſooner. The Gen- leman himſelf J never ſaw all the time of the ure; the Gentlewoman could truſt no crea- ure with my things; I was fain to give with ny own hands as much as poſſibly my buſi- neſs would permit, til the Gentlewoman got trength, and kept the Pils alwayes about her, nd had regard to her ſelf: it was an unuſual ime before this Gentlewoman could get a- broad, the reaſon all may diſcern, was the vith-holding from her that which did her ood, and inſtead of it, give her that which lid no good; and ſhe being of a good nature, n this caſe proved to her great hurt. But bleſ- ed be God, ſhe ſoon did attain health, and ſo remains, uſing my Pils now and then to keep er in health, as ſhe hath occaſion.

For Small-Pox, which generally doth light on children and young people, this I ſay upon good experience, that my Pil is alwayes good

and profitable whensoever it is taken, at any time of the *Disease*, either in the beginning of them, or the middle of them, or the latter end of them; it can never be taken amiss, except you give such a dosse, as is not proper for them that take it; for it alwayes strengthens the vitall spirits, cleanseth the blood, and fortifies the heart; and if the *Small-Pox* be struck in again, this Pil doth forthwith throw them out again with great safety, as we have much experience hereof; but if it be taken before they appear, that nature be able, it will relieve them by working the Surfeit out by vomit or by siege, or sweat, or urine, all the wayes that nature hath to friend; but if the Surfeit hath got strength enough that they cannot be prevented, then doth it throw them out in a most gallant easie manner, so that the Patient being freed of all Feverish symptoms, and alwayes lying in a breathing sweat, is so sweetly disposed, as he doth hardly fail of a meals meat all the time he hath them upon him; but suddenly will recover with great strength and freedom.

A lusty young man having got many Surfeits one upon another, felt himself not well for two or three dayes together; but not knowing what sickness was, would not yeild unto it while he was able to hold up his head; and being in my company, much complained

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how ill he was, and that he doubted he should be able to hold up his head no longer: *I* gave him presently a little *Pil* about four grains, which now he is well, one six fold so big would hardly stir him, but as soon as it was wel down his throat, he fel into a vomiting with extream violence; J could tell him his breast was ful of poison, but what was the matter further with him, *I* did not know: For the present he had some ease after his vomiting; *I* gave him a Pil at least 18. grains, to take when he went to bed, which he did, and that in like sort set him a vomiting most of that night, and most of the next day; it also purged his Gall of divers colours; but the Woman where he lay, would let him take no more; the two that I left for him, she threw them in the fire, and cryes out against my Pills for making him sick: But that night the *Small-Pox* appeared all over his skin; and being over-ruled, was not so happy as to continue with my *Pils*, which had drove them from his heart into his skin; and for want of more, the Disease grew extreamly upon him, and he all over covered with them and in Flux extreamly, and was for a time stark distracted, and talked idle of he knew not what; they employed two called Doctors, but to no purpose; indeed it was beyond all mens judgment that he should escape with life, but as soon as he was Master

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of himself, he called for more of my Pils, which he had, but did not vomit any more. He saith, (and I believe will say while he liveth) That nothing that ever he took did him any good, but my Pils, which did free his heart of them, and as a means did save his life, which is undoubtedly true; & I am confident if they had been given to have seconded that which I did give him, his sickness would not have been above the tenth of what it was; for such is our experience, that if it cannot altogether prevent them, yet it doth so dispose them, that they are not like the Disease; for some that in reason would have been as bad as any, yet by their constant and thorough use of my Pils all the time of their being ill, have hardly missed one meals meat, but quickly with strength and vigor have been restored.

It helpeth the shaking and trembling of the Joynts, strengthneth the Brain, and encreaseth Memory.

I have already spoke enough of the Palsie, or shaking of the Joynts, and for strengthening of the Brain and Memory, (I say) I am through God's rich mercy and goodness a living Monument and Testimony of its true virtue, power and effect; for they are at this day far better than when I was but seventeen years old, and my sight as good as ever since

since I had them for any thing I can perceive, & that is as good as any I think in the world; & although there is a sleepiness or dulness the next day in many that takes it, which is not used to it, they finde it seldom so the third day; but instead of heaviness, all for the most part do find a wonderful lightness of heart, and chearfulness of body all over, that they think themselves as if they were in a new world, and yet it must be granted that if any ones grief lies in their head, that then it will be nimble and acute both to search it out and help it, if it please God to permit; for it is evident it works most where most cause is; many again do find it fully to answer their expectation, and yet never finde it to work in their heads at all, although they have taken it in great quantity; and let a thousand take it, and they will all tell of several effects, as every one differs in one kind or other; also their ailes, and their different judgments upon those ailes; for very well we know, let all speak and judge as they will, that the whole of it to all intents and purposes in all the operations of it, is to strengthen and fortifie nature from head to heel; and many which have and do take much of it, have confidently supposed, that I have not made it so good at one time as at another, because they

they find oft-times contrary effects and operations, as sometimes to be dry, sometimes not; and sometimes sweat much, and sometimes not at all; and sometimes break winde much, and sometimes not at all: And so in many other cases it is indeed daily evidenced; For, (as is said) as a man's Ailes are, so will it work, it is they that alter, the Pil is the same. Note therefore, that you may know I cannot make such alterations in the making of it, because I do give none but what took his beginning three years (and upward) ago: Yet I must confess it is wonderful to observe, that sometimes it will have a double effect to what it will have at another time, as in cases of Colds, Surfeits, and the like, or some evil quality is gotten in the stomach, it wil abide no such thing, but will assault that that assaults Nature, whatever it be.

Revives and comforts the heart.

The like reviver, I think for a Creature of God, I do from my heart believe, and by experience I find (as much occasion as I have had in the World) the World never enjoyed the like with it; and let me now bless and praise the Most High, who only beareth rule in Heaven above, and in the earth beneath: The time hath been, and that a long and tedious time to me many yeares together,

together, I have been so oppressed and loaden with pains and feebleness of heart, as if I alwayes carryed a quarter of an hundred weight perpetually in my Chest or Breast, & I went always as if loaden, that it hath made me make a wrinckled face to stir out of my way togive place either to Horse or Cart, as for men, I alwayes would be sure to give them room enough, I ever going with pain and anguish, and full of sighing; and truly, although I was poor, yet was I then filled with such pain, as I should hardly have stooped to have took up a penny; but now through Mercy (that which is true, will hardly be credited) I finde my self set at liberty, that to my own feeling I do not weigh upon my shooes, as I go up and down, not one ounce, my heart is so light, freed from all oppression, my body so clean and nimble; and whereas I was grown stiff, that I did sensibly perceive that through much weakness I began to stride short, now my Leggs are at liberty, that to my thinking I can never tread wide enough; and at this instant of writing, I took my right foot in my right hand, and did lift my heel to my mouth without the help of the other hand; and all over my whole man (without any exception) God by this Pil hath thus renewed me; I do with joy and laughter give

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my enemies leave to charm against my *Pil*, what is spoke, is no fable, it is apparently discernable, especially of all those that in times past did know me; and many with me, who with weakness and old age have strided short and narrow, their silver Cords (as it were) tied together, so that they stride little, and that with staggering, have received their Legs again with the use of this Pil, and are amongst us which bear testimony, who themselves are fetcht off their languishing beds, and enjoy their Limbs with comfort.

In women it brings them to due Courses, whether they want or abound.

So is our experience for the most part; and this may be easily discerned for opening all obstructions.

One Maid of about twenty eight years of age, being obstructed about five or six years, insomuch as she grew very diseased, and troubled with strange fits, and one of her leggs grew as big as three leggs, and did also break and run: This Maid was weary of her life, her wracking pains was such, as she did roar out in such hideous manner, as was sore oppressive unto her Friends, help she could get none; she meets with my Pills and over-charging her self, threw them away, as being afraid of them, that which she had

had taken working a little higher then she would have had it; about a year after she comes to me with her sister, and makes lamentable complaint, and shewed me her leg with stinking ulcers in it; she followed my *Pil* with more discretion than at first; it was not above a Month but it freed her of all her fits, brought her into an orderly and monthly Flux, took down her leg, and made it no bigger then the other, and healed the Ulcers; she enjoyed so much health, as she marries a Husband, and lived comfortably with him, and buried him, and married annother, all this to my knowledg; and what is become of her now, *I* know not. These confirmations *I* do not want; neither do I wish any man more harm to himself then to think so ill of my Pil, as not to use it in his need; but for me, the Master that I have alwayes served hath confirmed his mercy in blessing it to me and to many; unto him alone be all the praise and honor, for ever, Amen.

It is present help for any Flux or scowring of blood, or otherwise; and stops them incontinently.

Although it be the Gonorrhea, or Running of the Reins, or issue of Blood, either at Urine, or at Fundament, or any other Flux or *Scowring*, it is the most soveraign help (I think) in the world; for if need

need be, it will as well purge as bind, and is frequently proved; but it will over-rule the grief, and stop it by degrees, as may be for the Patients advantage: And if this Pill be laid open upon a wel-glazed Dish, & dried & mixed in Conserve of red Roses, it is very proper on this occasion; and this hath helped when *Crocus Martis* would do nothing, nor the Sugar of *Saturn*, all which are as forcible almost as Art, I have proved it; for if these have stopped, they have thrown the Patient into intollerable pains and wrackings, besides Fever; but this so pleasantly, so gently and sweetly, that it is the desire and joy of the Patient to have a Pil in his belly.

A lusty man a Trumpeter, who had been at the *East-Indies*, brought such a Flux home with him, that could not be staid by what means soever could be used to that end, and his weakness is not to be credited & yet live; and after he came home in this condition, it was one year and an half, or two years, before he applyed himself unto my Pil; and although his constant manner was to purge six or eight times in the night, the first Pil stopped him, and eased him, and that in a wonderful manner. I shall not want the benefit of this man's prayers while he and *I* do live together; and as is said, my Pil did not violently stop him, but by degrees naturally; and when through

through impatience he had got ſom violent aſtringer, as thoſe above, he was all torn in his Limbs, & glad to take my pil to vvithſtand their force; but becauſe this fiery *Acrimony* had cut aſunder all retention through length of time, his vvater for the moſt part going that vvay, *I* for my part did deſpair of his cure; for he would even have affrighted one to behold him; yet it hath pleaſed God to be ſo favourable unto this poor man, as that he is now in health, and did ſince found a Trumpet in Col. *Rich*'s Regiment; and vvho liſt to ſpeak vvith him, ſhal hear much more then *I* have ſaid, to Gods glory, and your vvonder, vvhether friend or enemy. I ſee the bleſſing of God which he hath afforded unto poor people; for they vvil come and ask, and find help; this is God's bleſſing. The rich oft ask, and pay large, and go vvithout help; this is a ſore evil under the ſun: Some cry out againſt it as a great binder or ſhutter up of their bodies; if it be ſo to any, I am ſure it is to their great benefit in taking off from them vvindineſs, alſo feveriſhneſſe, or thoſe other diſtempers they take them for; I am alſo ſure, that there is not one in an hundred (but that although it doth not bind them a little at the beginning) but that they find it to purge at the latter end; I do grant ſome bodies to be dryer then others; and for theſe

(when they have a neceſſity to uſe it by reaſon of weakneſs) let them uſe it with ſyrrup of Roſes, in ſuch quantity as doth make it friendly with them; or that which is for ſome better, take equal parts of Scamony, called *Diagredium*, or make it ſo as to ſuit their conſtitutions, but in this matter not to do it but with good advice, & that there do appear an apparent neceſſity for it; it wil frequently aſtringe for 3 4, or 5. days, and afterwards keep you looſe while you take it; if the cauſe continue for which you take it, you may thus deal with it; otherwiſe if you have need of it in its ſtrength, then ſuffer it to follow its own law, & you wil not repent your ſelf, be of what temper you vvil; there are ſom ſuch whom it hath purged moſt of all, which otherwiſe have been moſt aſtringent; no man knoweth how it wil work with him, til he hath proved it: J my ſelf have gone four or five days vvithout any ſtool, & have wondered what would become of all I hav put into my belly: for J did eat my meat all that time as heartily as ever J did in my life, and was as well indeed, J may ſay in a new World, for it vvas at firſt vvhen J took it. & all that time J did break vvind freely, neither had J the leaſt fumes or ſvvelling, or any thing like unto oppreſſion, nor any heats, vvhich made me vvonder, & indeed

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nay, for it is much againſt common experience; nay further, all that four or five days I could have laid my belly to my back, ſo free was I from any kind of ſwelling; then at 4. or 5. days end (I confeſſe I have forgot whether) all went in a light ſtool, which did lye above like a Cork; and after that it did ever bring my belly to an orderly courſe once every day, and rather purgative; and ſo I remain with much help through the bleſſing of God, & can make my ſelf purge when I wil with pleaſure; but I dare not purge, all is wel, I have no need; this pill always doth (as I may ſay) watch over me, & oft doth find matter ſometimes to purge by Seige, & ſometimes by urine, & ſometimes by ſweat: *I* do obſerve theſe changes, but the reaſon and cauſe of it I do not underſtand; I know my pil is the ſame; but change of all things with me, doth ſometimes work a change in my pils operation. It is for the moſt part a conſtant rule with my pil to purge men & women of groſs corpulent bodies; but people of ſpare and thin bodies not ſo; if any by good experience do find that it doth bind them, & that alſo they find that that binding is indeed hurtful above that wch is imaginary; for I know many complain for no cauſe, but that their cuſtom is broke, & that it doth not follow the order as they would

have it; but I say, if it do in this case offend, a *Clister* then may be necessary for them; only this you must observe either in *Clister* or *purging-Physick*, to keep as far off the taking of the pil, as you can, lest it should not suffer the potion to work, that is, take the purging-physick at least two or three days after the pil is taken, or else you may expect that the potion wil not work; for you must know, that the purging quality in the potion is from a *poysonous quality*, otherwise it could not purge, and that quality my pil doth so perfectly correct, as you may expect it do nothing: But I do much rather wish you, if there be cause indeed, then to use a safe Clister of Milk from the Cow, and Sugar only, which wil produce no evil effects. You may note, that as its correction is less, so its force is less; therefore if you with the pil add a purger, as Scamony or Sirrup of Roses, or som other, it may be it may suit your body: And all this Discourse is to please thee, as it were a single person, & is endued with good wil, and hath need of it: but I do certainly know, the poise of Nature is most happy & blessed for man, for the generality of them, and therefore cannot be altered; & if thou dost know it, as it may be hereafter thou maist, thou wilt see nothing in it can be wanting, and also that additions would be vain;

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yet for thy sake I have spoken, if it so fal out that the *disposition* of thy body should so far differ from others: I observ the general opinion of all, that is, if they be not in good order as you call it, then do they cry out of fumes, & it may be pains in their head; and I grant that usually it is so where this pil is not; but I assure you, where this pil is, is the clean contrary; for although they go not to stool for six or eight days, yet all that time there is no vapors nor fumes nor in one of a hundred; I confess if any wil strive through all decorum towards themselves, and tempt God, it is just these should be answer'd accordingly; it is further for these to note, that they take this pil, and let it come to powder out of the sun (as that it wil soon be) and then beat it to fine powder, & infuse it in White-wine, and so drink the extract of it, that then it doth not astringe the half as it doth when you take the *Terra* with it, & you wil also find it more *spirituous* in effect: such as have no need of it, may at a cheap rate let it alone; but again, those that have need of it, had best be wel advis'd how they neglect it for small & impertinent matters: we have *experience* enough of its just power to be both to bind and to loose according to Natures Law: Thou that snuffest at because thou hast took two, or it may be

but one, it may be by fits more; do thou knovv, if thou wilt uſe it, & grow friendly with it, thou wilt find a contrary effect in its vvorking; for it wil now bind, and by and by purge.

It ſtrengthens and opens the ſpleen, and tears away wind in an incredible manner.

This is the conſtant experience of all that take it, and J think not one of an hundred but wil acknovvledge it; but by my ovvn experience J do add further, that although J have not been made ſenſible of violent breaking of vvind dovvnvvard, yet before morning J have found all oppreſſion gone, my ſelf free and lightſome, and have not known which way, but my reaſon tells me, that lying in a gentle breathing ſweat, the pores of my body being thereby all ſet open, vvind hath thereby found ſecret and inſenſible paſſage, and ſometimes *J* have ſenſibly perceived it to go by Urine but his ordinary working is mightily dovvnward, as all in general find it to do.

Drieth up Hydopical humours.

Things not to be credited it hath done in this diſtemper.

An ancient man troubled with this diſtemper, took it but in reaſonable doſe for one month togeather, the vveather inde was warm, it did ſvveat him, as he told me,

every night so mightily, that his maid said it went thorough the Feather-bed whereon he lay every night, and wrought as strongly by Urine; and I do protest, this man at the months end was fresher and fairer, and stronger to his labour than when I begun with him, and is at this instant in good health; and this was three years agone from this present writing.

I shall write here a strange and wonderful, but accidental cure, I think, as hath been heard of in this Age: A young Woman having languished for a long time under very many diseases, the worst that usually may attend an honest Womans body, as the Dropsie, Stone, Consumption or Ptisick, shortness of breath, sore fits of the Mother, Jaundice, as I did clearly see by her eyes; this Woman having spent much for a long time, but in vain, she grew worse and worse, and did despair of help in this World; she was scarcely able to stand or breathe; at the entreaty of good Women of our Country, I went to see her, she being born within a mile where I was, I should hardly have gon to her, but we were school-fellows at *Nottingham*; I found her in this sad condition; I durst promise nothing more then this, if I did her no good, I would do her no harm: I made her five or six smal

pils, with order to drink White-wine after them, and to take each night one, and as she liked them, so let me hear from her: she accordingly takes them: the third day her husband comes to me with words of wonder, & abundance of thanks, and told me that his Wife was finely recover'd, that she had breath in good length and order, and slept wel, and began to eat, and that he had brought some of the Stones which she voided, with him to shew me: and (said he) what shal I say? your pils have done more then possibly might have been imagined: J praised God with him. He took half an ounce more of my pills with him, and becaufe of the fits of the Mother, I willed him to take half an ounce of my Oyl of Amber, & give her three drops in a spoonful of White-wine, & then drink a glass ful of White-wine after it. He went home, and the next morning gives her 2. spoonfuls of this Oyle: the woman faints with heat, as needs she must, her heart being suffocated with fire, and the next morning he gives her the rest of the half once, so that he gave her as much at twice, as should have served two hundred times, or near it: it is indeed a miracle that this Woman was not destroyed, but (orderly taken) a better thing could not have been given to have helped & assisted her pils against those fits

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the Mother: this woman receiving this half ounce into her body, extreamly fainted: Her husband comes not to me, but runs unto a wise Doctor which could not see the power of Oyle of Amber, but clatters hard against me and my pils, but would give her nothing, but plentifully bestowed the Gallows upon me for killing her, and without shame (as a man that had but one ear, never searching the truth) meeting me, & near before a dozen people which stood by, charged me with killing this woman, & before them all, threatned me with holding up my hand at the Bar: I gave him not a word, it was neither time nor place, but lifted up my heart to God, knowing my own innocency, & was sorry he should do himself so much wrong, and of all men living I had deserved better things at his hand: I did wonder to hear this charge, for I had not heard one word, neither did I, but what came from him, til three months after, it pleased God that with what good this woman had received from the pils she took before (for this Doctor did so fright them, that they thought it was my pills that wrought so with her, as that she took no more, I say) altogether proved happy for the woman, for at once she was released of all her diseases, and being wel and about the

the ſtreet, an ancient Gentlewoman, Miſtris *Titchin* in *Bedlam*, calls to her, and ſaid, You but the other day as 'twere, was il of many diſeaſes, and now you are ſo vvel of a ſudden; you have got one good Medicine or other, I pray you let me have ſome of it: She replied, that ſhe had a Countrey-man at the Tower gave pils, and that they had cured her, but they had like to have killed her; and that ſhe had the reſt of them at home, but durſt not take any more of them: Come (ſaid Miſtris *Titchin*) give them me, I wil take them; which ſhe did, and when ſhe had ſpent them, ſhe calls to her, and told her that ſhe muſt bring her to the man, for ſhe muſt have more of thoſe pils: and this vvas near 3. months before either I or the Woman did know what it was that did hurt her: This ancient Gentlevvoman vvith my Countrey-woman comes to my houſe, I not being at home, this woman askt for the Oil I ſent her to take by ſpoonfuls; my maid told her I had no oil I gave by ſpoonfuls: I had indeed an Antidote which I did give in ſpoonfuls: To be ſhort, this Woman ſoon found the Bottle by its ſcent, and ſo ſhe and we came to know how ſhe came wel, as God hath ordered it; and ſhe hath remained wel for this two years, if not more, and hath born a Child or two ſince: This is a true and faithful relation to the beſt of my remembrance

membrance, as J have from their ovvn mouths; and thanks be to God vvho hath kept me, and vvil keep me in his way, notwithstanding the envy and rage of my enemies, so that through mercy J care not for it; yet notwithstanding this Doctor in the fury of his malice hath took off those good Women, & not a fevv more, from the use of my Pil, which J know wel wil all turn to his perpetual shame. J pray God forgive him with my whole heart, J am taught by him to take heed of making men idols.

In fine, I know no disease that it doth not either perfectly ease, or perfectly cure.

Although this Bil hath novv been made publike above these four years, and J had both reason and experience then enough to avouch it in my conscience before Almighty God, and experience enough to avouch it before men; there hath been added ever since a daily load of experiences, which (as a Cloud of Witnesses) confirm what J have published; for such are indeed the wonders of God daily brought to our ears, some of which J have indeed related unto you, and indeed (as J may say) the happy returns of prayer in the administring of this pil, doth abundantly ballance the bitternes of envy, and the false lyes and forgeries of the vvilful-ignorant; and by the constant meetings

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together of a catalogue of mercies upon mercies, all of them pleading my just cause against the proudest contemner: I do therefore with *joy* submit to reproach, knowing that reproach shal be the portion of the happy in this life; and if the Lord whom J serve, did not by his constant presence and blessing upon my labor give vigour and life unto my just and honest endeavour for the good of mankind, I should have bin charmed and frighted off from this my employment the Highest hath called me unto; but putting my trust in him, shal proceed in his name with joy, fear, love and trembling, not doubting but he that is able to keep that which in his name J have committed unto him, who hath and doth keep me in all my ways, wil never fail me of his blessed assistance and protection in wel-doing; and such hath been my care and indulgence towards all always, that except people desperately presumptious both to abuse themselves and me, they cannot likely hurt themselves: And while J am now writing, J wil give an instance or two which come into my mind, which wil make good what J now drive at. A Woman a Nurse-keeper comes to us for one quarter of an ounce of my pils, which my Wife weighed her; another staying for another; she having her own,

own, catcht up the other out of the scale, and popt it into her mouth, and swallowed it all at once, and away she goes; I had a friend with me by the fire-side, my wife being frighted, cryed out, the Woman would kil her self; We wondered to see her skip away so fast, but did not wel conceive the matter; about fourteen dayes after my maid met her in *Tower-street*, asked her how she did with that quantity of pil at once in her belly: She replied that she was wel, and that she sate up all that night with her child which she did nurse, onely it did make her head ach a little. This relation is true, but not to be follow'd without danger. I neither knew her name nor her dwelling, to administer any thing to have over-ruled it: I do think this prepostorous act of this Woman may shew unto all its safety, if there be any reason used in the administring of it: And whereas I say, I have taken it my self twelve months, it is true that I have taken it now almost five yeats; and have not, I am sure missed it in all the time from the first til this present, not twenty nights; neither shal I mis it, except it should please God to grant me a better (of which I now have little hope) and the effects through divine goodness are with me blessed: I always have need of it, as of a strong *Cordial*,

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although I do not alwayes use the same quantity; for I never weighed one for my self in all my life, but I make them bigger or lesser as I find my self to have more or lesse need of them.

And when I am as wel as I could wish, I do take a little one to keep me so; but if I get cold, or ought else that troubles me, I do then take one bigger: And this I find by constant experience, and I do assure you it is no more then what is true, that it never failed me, but alwayes comes with fresh strength and reviving, as truly and effectually as when I took it at first, and not like other things, which with much use wil lose their virtue, power and effect, but my Pill is ever the same, working higher or lower, as it finds cause, and according unto the quantity that is taken; so that what change is, is not in it, but in me: And I do further confirm what I formerly said, as to the enjoying of my health and chearfulnesse, through many weaknesses; for such is the clearnes of my body, and freenes from any obstructions, that I have run from the first step of my house, unto the higheſt step upon the Leads on the house-top, and never draw my breath; also such ease and chearfulnesse of heart, that as I go along the street, it is as if I did not tread on the ground;

ground; and as J have oft said, so J do say again, that to my thinking J do not weigh one ounce upon my shoo-heels. Now my sleeve is ful of pins that J gather from the ground; but when J hung upon my Doctors sleeve, J alwayes was so oppressed and filled with pains, & so sore oppressed and loaden at my breast, that although poor, yet should hardly have stooped to have taken up a penny; and if J had stooped upon any occasion, J did not know how to get up again without great pain and difficulty, and with the help of my hands upon my knees: J further found, and do find my limbs to lengthen, or set at liberty, which before were stiff, as if they were shrunk: Now J can leap, run, or any such like thing with refreshing, which before was far from me. What shall J say! J am through mercy a living monument of his mercies, & of God's blessing upon this Pill; for near these five yeers J have not used any other thing but it and my Antidote, and sometimes of my Oyl of Amber; and if these should fail me, as J know not how soon they may, J suppose J should hardly send over the threshold for what is elsewhere to be gained for money; yet J wil deal freely and truly with you, J have been so put to it upon extraordinary occasions of Fevers, colds, and aguish infections, to take four pils of good

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bigneſs, betwixt eight at night, and ten next day, allovving three or four hours betvvixt each pil; and I do the rather report this, becauſe *I* know it wil be exemplary to many; for ſuch hath been my weakneſs, that if *I* did not take a pil in the time aforeſaid I ſhould faint, beſide the help of ſtrong *Cordial* Waters, & burnt Wine; and inſtead of cold mortal *Julips* in a Fever, I make uſe of theſe comfortable things, not fearing my *Fever*, if I can but hold up my vital ſpirits, & let my pil & Fever try the maſtery, *I* know according unto Gods appointment it ſhal be; but for ſo many yeers, 20. Fevers which have been apparent, thus have I been helped; for if one pil wil be too weak, it muſt be aſſiſted with another; & if two be too weak, it muſt be aſſiſted vvith a third; and if three be too weak, it muſt be aſſiſted with a fourth. Thus far have I gone with it my ſelf, and ſeldom it is that a Fever ſtaid with me twenty four hours, or hardly ever to keep me in-a-doors all the next day, but by afternoon likely I am maſter of it; & let all take notice, that it is far better to take a little & oft, that is to ſay, four hours atunder, as I did, & do my ſelf, if there be occaſion, ſo wil it work ſweetly and powerfully with eaſe & delight. And whereas I ſpoke of the ſtopping of ſome of my organical parts, they vvere my ears and

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nose, my ears so opened, that when *I* held my breath and blew, the wind would flye through both my ears, *I* could perceive it by making my hair flye on both sides; and indeed they are both as good as ever since they were nine, which before the use of my Pil, were weak and defective.

I do therefore always renew my thanksgiving unto God for so great a mercy bestowed upon me now in the latter end of my days; for as I have said often, such hath been my continued pains and anguish for above twenty years, that *I* have not known the hour in all that time wherein I have took so much pleasure in my life, as to desire to live it out: I joyfully acknowledge unto the praise of my Master whom I have served from my youth up, with an upright and perfect heart, that in all that time the joys of a better life were always set before my face, with the lively beams thereof always kept alive in my heart; and through mercy J durst not complain, nor say my burden was too heavy for me: J ever abhorr'd such thoughts as too ignoble for a Christian, that puts his trust in *God's* free mercy in Christ: J perpetually cryed aloud for strength to bear and suffer his wil, and it was enough for me; the Master that J always have served, never suffered the Cross to be too heavy and burthensome to me; J know

well it croſſed nothing but an unbelieving, corrupt, and carnal mind. I have oft wondered (conſidering my apparent weakneſs) wherefore I did live, or had life permitted me, foraſmuch as I could not diſcern which way I was likely to perform ſervice, either unto God or man, more then this, that it was for my Lord and Maſters Power to reſt upon me, and to manifeſt his glory in my great infirmity; but now I am apt to think that I am preſerved (as with joy I do find) to be a a bleſſing and a refreſhing unto many; and truly the poverty and ſickneſs, rejection of friends & relations, which hath paſt me, doth not (as it doth with too many) ſet me on to take hold on riches, or make haſte to be rich, or fill my ſelf with the profits and pleaſures of this life, but much rather, if it were poſſible for me, ſuch is the burning deſire of my heart, I ſay, I would (if poſſible) bear the ſickneſs and bitterneſs of all men, and frequently with joy and tears when I have heard the returns of thoſe poor which by my hand as a weak inſtrument; I ſay, when they have told the great things the Lord hath done for them, my ſoul within me hath revived with praiſe and thankſgiving that I am, and have been ſpared unto ſo great and bleſſed a work as the Lord imploys me in: I ſee alſo, and perceive why I my ſelf have been trained up

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in affliction, to the end I mtght learn of the true Pattern of all obedience, Jesus Christ who came not to do his own Will, but the Will of him that sent him; who speaking of those that are his, and have interest in him, as of sons and children, that he took part with them, to wit, flesh and blood, the nature of *Abraham*, not Angels, and was tempted as a man, that he might succour those that are tempted, and learn to be a merciful Saviour. And let me speak further, (whether my heart deceive me, God knoweth) it is my perpetual supplication, that *I* might rather dye and cease, then that this my rejoycing should be made void, but that *I* may truly and faithfully do likewise unto the utmost of my power, always ready to joyn my shoulder unto him that is ready to fall, supporting, comforting and assisting according unto what *I* have received, extended always unto him that is sick and feeble of heart; and through mercy here is a good witness for the time past (*I* doubt not) recorded in heaven; and *I* further hope to encrease it through the blessed assistance of him who shews mercy unto the poor and needy in their distress.

Directions how to take this Pill aright.

LEt it be understood that each one according unto his age, strength, or weakness, is to take a portion severally.

The ordinary dose is the bignes of a grey pease swelled, or twelve grains, or ten, or fourteen grains, or upwards to twenty grains where strength will admit; but to a childe new born no more then a pin-head, and not a great one neither, but about one quarter of a grain. My advice and counsel is to all both old and young, that they be sure they take little enough at first, and in so doing there is great safety, always having regard to the strength and condition of the Patient; and forasmuch as the thing in its own property is a meer Cordial, and a great fortifier of Nature; too much you may take without safety as a man may drink too much Wine; but too little you cannot take as to safety, so that the least grain is profitable to whole Nature, and not in the least prejudicial: Therefore I do warn and charge that you begin with little enough, and that you do encrease afterward

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you find by good experience the *Patient* can bear it: Unto a Child of ten or twenty hours old, give as much as a ſmall pins head, and ſo encreaſe with care, as you ſhall find it to vvork; it at once brings them to reſt, cauſeth them to eat and ſuck luſtily, and drives out any thing amiſs in them: And for a child a year old, give as much as a great pin head, ſtill encreaſing as you do perceive ſtrength to bear it; but it is better to give it to old or young, a little and oft, alvvayes taking it vvhen you are going to bed, or in bed; and you muſt allovv twelve or fourteen hours unto its working, and above all things take heed of colds; but if you ſhould get a cold, haſte to bed, take a good Pill, it is gone, it will do you no hurt; if you find your head to be giddy & unſetled, and alſo your ſtomach to be heaving, it is beſt to give it time and repoſe by ſleep, leſt you be very ſick and vomit; which you will not do if your ſtomach be not very foul. Note, that it is not in its ſtrength of working, till after four or five hours taken: There is no obſervation of diet, but for men and women to keep a wholeſom, open and clean dyet, avoiding all things that are cold and windy in operation, but alwayes keep your ſtomach warm with that which is good and wholeſom; alſo always drink a Wine-Glaſs of the beſt Beer, Ale or Wine after the taking of the

Pill: It is to be noted, that if a mans head and breast be well, he may rise at any time: I my self do frequently rise after the taking my last Pill, about two hours, (this is in hot weather) not but that I must sleep again. You must further give what time you wil, if your stomack be foul and poisonous, you will vomit. I do in the Winter-time frequently when I am abroad, and find my self not wel, take a little Pill of four Grains. or a grain or two more, as I like my self, and drink a cup of good Bear after it, this doth raise me up beyond all beleif; its common operation is by sweat and urine, which you may encrease as you please; you shall find, that a double portion will have a double effect, so that you may do what you wil with your self. It is further to be noted, that after three or four days this Pill will purge your body, but with haste & pleasure generally it doth purge. You will also find a fiery sharp humor to go away; and although it make you a little sore for the present, yet wil you have cause to give thanks to God for its discharge, although with pain; you wil do wel to let it take its own course, and follow Natures Law; it oft appears most by Urine: I know many because of its strange working have slighted it, and left it, and spake ill of it through their own fears, unto their own hurt, and yet at last it

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hath been their laſt and beſt refuge; theſe are not a few in and about *London*, and now, who ſhall commend it like theſe? It is no new thing to have the beſt ſubſtances thrown by, if they do not in all things appear according unto received circumſtances; I do wiſh all that are weak to do as I do my ſelf, to uſe this Pill more or leſs, as they do find occaſion, and always have within their reach a cup of the beſt; a ſpoonful of good Cordial-Water is good in cold weather; My Pill doth hate all ſmall-drinks that are fomented or wrought with yeaſt, which fills with Wind and Rhumes. Keep ever your ſtomach warm with wholeſome meat and drink, and care not for being a little hot; let it ſuffice thee that my Pill although hot, yet doth it kil all unnatural heat whatever: I have always by me a Bottle of rich Cordial-Water, and a pot of ſtrong-Beer or Ale, with Sugar, or of the Sirrup of black Cherries, which after my way of making, doth excel; and ſometimes *I* do uſe theſe apart, and ſometimes together, as *I* do find my ſelf, and ſometimes none of them all; but of any drink whatever it be, be not too free with it at one time, but rather a little and oft. You will find this Pill to courſe and follow Wind up and down from head to heel, as a Dog followeth a Hare through every Hedge and Buſh; and in this working you wil of a ſudden

ſudden find a little faintneſs, then a ſpoonfulof that which is beſt is acceptable and wel applied ; at that time be ſure to keep your head on your Pillow, and while one would tell fourty it is gone: and thus it will do till it hath found ſome natural Purger for his enemy; but if thou doſt not break wind by a ſenſible way of evacutaion, yet thou ſhalt find it gone thou knoweſt not which way; thou maiſt obſerve that thy Pores are ſet open all over thy body, and by ſecret breathings at thoſe little Pores, it wil oft make his way, and ſometimes by Urine it wil follow natures law, and uſe thoſe purges which is moſt apt and ſpontaneous; and what pains ſoever thou haſt (old or new) wil give way, and thou at eaſe, as if thou ailedſt nothing; for the moſt part it is ſo, but if thou find it take too high upon an old grief, know it is in order to heal and cure it; therefore I ſay, condeſcending unto thy weakneſs and unbelief, prove it firſt with a little, and increaſe with judgement, as you find ſtrength and courage to bear it, thou maiſt know that it hath power, if thou haſt wiſedom to apply it.

It falls out oft upon ſurly griefs, as Sciatica and Gout in the feet, that it will nibble at them more ſtrongly then thou wouldſt, therefore mark what I have ſaid to thee.

In my firſt Bil I did not commend it to women with child, both becauſe my Pil is not

not now as then, neither had *I* experience; but now I do commend it to them above any thing in the world for the health both of mother and child; and if young women wil avoid green and hurtful fruits, and windy things, and instead thereof keep a good and vvholesom diet, and now and then (if cause) to use of these Pils, we should not have so many miserable vveak children; but vvomen vvil so palpably enslave their ovvn healths and lives, and their infants unto a fooliſh luſt, to that vvhich proves perniciousunto both, obſerving neither vvhat is for their ovvn or infants health and welfare.

I wil relate one ſtory of a woman with childe, one that lived about *Savories* mills in *Southwark*, and this woman was extreamly tormented, but did not know what it was that troubled her; ſhee had took divers things but to no purpoſe, and ſo it vvas that her pains did exceed, that ſhee vvas vveary of her life; this vvoman meets vvith one of my Pils, but hovv J did not knovv til aftervvards, and vvithout leave takes it at a venture, and contrary unto its uſual courſe, it ſet this vvoman a purging, and gave her above tvventy ſtools, and then brought from her an abortive or falſe conception, vvhereat ſhee vvas vvel, and ſo continued all the month that ſhe had to go, and in her ſeaſon vvas deliVered of a luſty boy very vvel, and ſo both

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mother and child continue well for any thing as ever *I* heard, praised be *God*; and after we heard of this woman, we likewise heard of others, which did take it in the very hour of travel with happy success, and with much ease, more then ever they brought childe into the world before; and now lately it is grown common with women that know it, and use it in the time of being with childe, to take it in their extremity, and also to give it their Childe as soon as born, if they discern cause.

I will now give you one instance or two of some that have used it presumptiously, and have took too much of it; it may be such like experiences will admonish the unruly to use a good thing to a good purpose, and not abuse themselves thereby.

About a month ago I chanced to light into the company of a man that lives near *London*-Bridge in *Thames* street; he said he lay one night with a Gentleman which lay at his house: this Gentleman having of my Pils in a silver box, took one himself, and left his box on the table and went to bed; this man he takes as much at twice as would have made five or six *Pils* (he compared it to his thumb end) the least of which would have been enough for him; this portion did begin to work very high upon him, and he fell into a strong vomiting, in a strong sweat,

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and after a while he must needs go to stool; he in his sweat goes down two pair of stars to the house of *Office*, and he protested to me, that as he sate upon the stool, the sweat did drop off him upon his feet: Thus twice he went down two pair of stairs to purge, and very ill by fits, it made him so that he thought he should have dyed no other death; but (says he) *I* will never take more of your Pils. This man is old enough to have seen his error, and my pils benefit, yet this is his conclusion; hence let all be admonished to follow direction given; for his resolution was as rash as taking the Pils was, and carries so much folly in it, as it doth stand more need to be pitied then answered; for who seeth not but that if he had taken a portion fit for him, how profitable it would have been for him?

A childe in *St Martins* being presently helped of Rickets and ill digestion of meat, & such like griefs, another of their next neighbors comes in great haste for another childe in like condition; I gave her Pils as the other had, and shewed her by making one or two, what quantity she should give the child: she follows my order the first day, and she did sensibly discern such a mighty change in the boy, both as to his breath and chearfulness all the next day, as did much delight her; and she said, if so much as this little

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thing do my child so much good, I will give it more, and that will do it more good (and indeed so it proved, for it cured the boy) and she gave it what she thought good, I shall never know how much it was she gave him; but the next day the child was very sick, & would eat nothing, but oft fainted, and vomited much; she sends to me in great haste, & she feared I had killed her child; I asked her sister whom she sent, if they had followed my direction; she assured me that they had to a tittle: In the afternoon I went to see what was the matter, and by that time the boy was very well, and had broke through it; and the woman then told me what she had done; and her sister (who affirmed that they had strictly followed my rules) said, Did not I tel you, you would kill the boy by giving him too much. Thus you may see how I am dealt with, and I know in this I am not alone; if this Child had dyed, I should have been called the killer of it; neither should I ever have heard what the Mother had done to it.

While I am writing at present, came a man to me fit to be remembred, although out of place, which for two years was sore troubled with a sharp eating Rhume falling from his head, that he was almost lost; he looked blackish, yellow, wan, his eyes dull, he was almost starved for want of meat; he could neither

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eat nor sleep, he could get no help; God's good hand directed him to me in time of need, his throat and pallate of his mouth almost eat away; I looked into his mouth at his request, there was a hole eat out I could have turned my finger in it; it was sad to see: I did somewhat suspect what Disease it should be, but indeed I think both he and his Wife fears God and are innocent and chaste in their lives: I gave this man one quartern of my Pil; he came again in five or six days so altered, as I scarce knew him, he did look so chearful, fresh, his eyes quick, his throat almost well; so much more set him quite well, and so he continues; and he, it may be, spends one quartern in one quarter of a year upon himself. I confess I never in my life, as I can remember, knew the Like; what the man ailed I cannot tell, it is sufficient through Gods blessing even at once, as water would quench fire, so effectually did my Pil administer healing unto him, which did quickly make him pull out the stuff wherewith he had stopped it with.

A Maid that was afflicted with Convulsion-fits in her shoulder, which racked her shoulder-bone out of Joint with intollerable pain, insomuch that she was deprived of the use of her member; she was in the Hospital, and had advice of a great many Chyrurgions, of which

which some admired, and were amazed at it; they made issues, and bound the member with Rollers to keep the bone into its natural place by force, which put her into extremity of pain, neither could she get a cure in six years time, but grew worse, until hat she had made use of my Pil, and through the blessing of God before she had taken them half a year she was perfectly cured, and in perfect health, able to improve her self in any thing that is fit for one of her years. This is the account I received from her Mother, one Mrs. *Scruby* in *Gravel*-Lane, near *Aldgate*, who teacheth the Virginals.

An old man upwards of eighty, comes unto me with many thanks, and I wondered, not knowing the man, nor his business, who said, that he had been troubled with a Rupture for ten or eleven years, which was a great grief unto him, and making use of my *Pils*, said, that he was as well as ever he was in his life; for which he praised God with his whole heart, and indeed I think he doth truly fear God, and it did much comfort me to hear him give all praise and thanksgiving unto him who is able to work Wonders, as it appears in this man, considering his age, his disease, its length of time: This man, to our remembrance, came and sent (as near as we can remember) six or eight months

months before he came, with so great thanks to God and to me, from whose hands he received it without grutching.

A Clothier comes hither that liveth ten miles from *Bristol*, who having his Sister very ill and lame, and blind of the disease called the Kings-Evil; her Legs great, and holes running in them: he goes to *Bristol* and gets eight Pils; before she had spent these eight, her sight began to come to her, her legs began to abate of their bigness, also the holes in her legs ran exceedingly; in fine, in the spending of half an ounce more, her sight was perfectly restored, her legs perfectly wel and healed; for this was her own words, That she was as wel as ever she was in her life, blessed be God.

About the middle of *June* I met a Beggar near *Mile-end*, who was very thankful for a peny; I asked what he ailed; *I* appointed him to my house, his leg stunk I could not abide the room, it was black as dirt; his shin-bone black, bare, and rotten for two inches; his flesh gone, it was sad to see: I appointed my man to dress it, who was a considerable time before he could get it clean: The order observed was, Each day while he was with us he took a Pil of about ten grains, his leg onely washed with white Wine, and kept clean, and a Pil of about

18. or 20. grains to take at night when he went to bed; whether he took them or not, as he should, I know not; by that time he had come a Week, he said he could go without his Crutches; but I would not suffer him; but at last I perceived no great willingness in him to be cured, I allowed him six pence a day and his Dinner, otherwise I should have lost my Patient, being willing to cure him; but we saw him strive against cure by drukenness, by sitting on the bare ground, by opening his Leg, and such like; notwithstanding all which about the beginning of *September*, he gives many thanks, and said he was wel, (but *I* do not believe him;) We from this experiment saw enough to our wonder, if his disorder had not withstood us. Note, that after one Month, we did with a feather annoint his Leg with the Balsom of the Pil, & with a little of the Pil itself.

I shal now relate a strange story, but true, although to many it may seem incredible.

A Gentleman comes to me with many thanks and much love from an ancient Gentlewoman, aged betwixt eighty and ninety, who said, that she for some years had used nothing but my Pils, and her natural food; and that which was strange to her and all that know her, she now hath young teeth growing in her head; and more, which was to wonderment,

derment, it was with her (as to course of Nature) as when she was but 20. years old; and (said he) she under God ascribes it unto your Pills, and is in very good health and strength, blessed be God. As to this story, if any man or woman cannot believe my report, let them enquire of Mr. *Stephen Montague*, a Gentleman known very well unto most Merchants and Citizens, which I am assured will satisfie them.

A good Woman near *Aldgate*, that for a long time lay sore tormented in her body, breast and back, with wracking pains, her out-cry so great, her Husband (as he said) was not able to endure the house; and left off by three able Physicians as helpless; this Woman with one lick of my Antidote (which was mixed with hony) in one quarter of an hour received ease all over her body, and slept six hours or thereabouts; this on *Friday* morning: Her Husband comes to me on *Sunday* morning, and tells me his wife did nothing but eat, and drink, and sleep: It is to be understood, that she continued in the use of the same things, viz. each night a Pill; and each 6 or 8 hours one lick of the aforesaid Antidote.

A Girle about seven or eight years old, stricken in all appearance with death, having a high Pestilential Fever, continued

eleven or twelve days, taking each 24. hours a pil of bigneſſe about 8 grains; and in the day ſome of my Antidote in good Wine; her Fever did not encreaſe, neither was it quite removed; little ſuſtenance came into her body but what the pils and Antidote contributed unto her: I willed them to give her each twelve hours a pill, and her Antidote at ſix hours betwixt; which the Child was loath to receive, growing very weak; but obſerving that order, at laſt through the bleſſing of God it did diſcharge the poyſon of the diſeaſe from her heart, and ſtruck it up into the right ſide of her head and face, and ſuddenly the child began to revive; and by that time twenty dayes were come about, it had at laſt contracted the diſeaſe under her ear, the childs jaws being ſore, would receive no meat, and in twenty days, as we believe, the child received not two ounces of bread or meat, but continuing as above, it at laſt broke juſt under her ear, and an incredible quantity of filthineſſe iſſued out: Many that ſavv this Child, would needs have had the Chirurgion at work, becauſe (as they ſaid) there would be dead fleſh: But I prevailed that there was none, only keeping it clean, and waſhing it with White-Wine, and anointing it with Oyle of Amber, and Oyl of Roſes

ſes mixed together. This Child encreaſed in ſtrength, fel to her meat, but continued taking her pils, which kept her ſore open and running; it alwayes kept her ſore ſo wel coloured, and without inflamation, as it was to be admired, neither did any thing elſe or plaiſter ever come on it; but about ſix Weeks or thereabouts, this Child was as wel as ever in all its life, and ſo continues unto this day, bleſſed be God. I never ſaw a caſe more eminent in all my life; a Creature nearer death, and yet live: Neither did I ever ſee the power and effect of any Earthly Creature more eminently then in the virtue of my pil and Antidote, as in this Cure; the Lord Almighty be bleſſed for his goodneſſe; for ſuch was the vveakneſſe of this Child, that when her Mother lifted her up to give her the pil, the Child had not ſtrength to keep her chaps together without help; and when I ſaw her jaws to tremble in that maner, I was out of hope; and indeed all her friends heartily wiſhed the trouble of her burial were over; but God (who alone hath the iſſues of life in his own hand) hath reſtored her unto perfect health, and our prayer is, that ſhe may live to be a faithful ſervant unto him who hath thus ſpared her.

There dwels a Woman in the Tower, who brought her Son about ten or twelve years old, much afflicted with the King's Evil, having two fores, one in his neck, and the other under his ear, they were hard, and with high inflamation, and much swelled.

This Child took of the Pill every night, and every morning, and we dress'd the fores with the Balsom of the Pil, and some of the Pil it self, and a plaister applied also upon it; after a little time there came away a great deal of foul and hard matter; and thus by constant application of the Pil, as above, he was in half a year perfectly wel, cured, and heal'd up, and stil continues the taking of the Pill.

Sir,

BEing brought into a weak and desperate condition through a Cough, which (as some able Physicians informed me) had made a breach in my Lungs, and therefore thought incurable, I resolved to try your Pills which a friend commended to me, and upon the first use of them found so wonderful a change, that made me and others admire the goodness and wisdom of God, that hath laid up so great a virtue in so small a matter; for truly after the taking of one Pill, my Cough was wholly

wholly removed, and ever since I have enjoyed a greater measure of health, then for some years before. I have given of them to several of my acquaintance since, with very great success in Feavers and other distempers. This I thought good to inform you of, as also that I am, Sir,

Your much obliged Friend,

Ja. Reading.

Here follows several instances of Cures performed by my Pill *upon several persons in and about* Bristol, *which are sent me, and attested by the hand of Mr.* Nath. Merry, *and divers others.*

WE whose Names are hereunto subsubscribed, Inhabitants in & about the City of *Bristol*, desire to declare to the World, and to bear our testimonies to all to whom these presents shall come, on behalf of the Pil made and delivered abroad for the publick good and general benefit of mankind by *Richard Mathews*, dwelling at

the Tovver of *London*, and we affirm, that through the good bleſſing of God going along with the pil, rightly uſed and taken according to the Authors preſcription, we have ſome of us for our ſelves, ſome for our relations and others, have found the wonderful and rare effect and virtue thereof, even to admiration, for Agues, Fevers, Surfeits, Conſumptions, Gouts, Vomitings, Scourings, Impoſthumes, Gripings in the Bowels, vvhich ſome call the plague in the Guts, Colds, Rhumes, Tooth-ach, Head-ach, Coughs, inward bruiſes and heavy oppreſſions on the heart and ſtomach, Scurvy, Dropſie, Madneſſe, Convulſion of the Nerves, Running of the Reins, Weakneſſe and pains in the Back, Sciatica, and in ſundry other caſes; and this we do heartily and freely, that ſo God may have the glory, the Medicine it ſelf a part of its deſerved commendation, and the Maker thereof (as an Inſtrument in God's hand) his due praiſe.

Chriſtopher Cary
James Hill
Mary Smith
William Jones
Robert Purnell
Thomas Berkin
Evan Lewelin of Swanzey *in* Wales.
Edeth Weekes
Thomas Ellis
Henry Sanders
John Philips.

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Walter Macock, Chyrurgeon
William Harum, Chyrurgeon.
John Alyes
Elisa Williamson.
Rich. Arthur.
William Bullock,
Nath. Merry.
Francis Cox.
Walter Johnson, Apothecary *of* Dublin.

This is an abstract of Mr. Merry's *Letter to me, and of his own case and recovery by my Pill.*

I Have often had thoughts to communicate to you the effect of my faith touching your Pil, and the virtue I found in it; but til now there have been lets. And thus it was: The day that I received it, my distempers were indeed high, and to my apprehension had almost over-power'd all the powers of nature, so that I was doubtful of life; I took one that night, which (I praise the Lord) had so happy effect, that though there were a great war most part of that night, yet by the morning (through mercy) it got the victory, and I was enabled to go about my business the next day, and in the morning had no sign of a purge; yet that day I had about ten or eleven stools, which brought away that matter

which I us'd to bringup at my mouth(which I mention'd in my last *Letter*)by stool;I supposed every stool might be the last,& therefore made no provision to keepwarm,more than at *other times*, but went down to stool, yet was I not faint,or hindered of my business. I continued the pil taking about eight or ten grains every night;& in the first four or five, or six dayes, it gave me about forty stools; yet I continued strong, & about my business,and after brought me to two stools a day for some few days,and ever since one stool a day,having continued it to this day every night, save about ten nights in the whole time; & it pleased God by degrees it strengthned me,that I being much spent & worn,am now (I praise the Lord) as full of flesh (I think) as ever I was. I had a Child brought home from nurse about 10. months since, which hath taken the pils ever since: When she was brought home,she had so violent a *cough* as ever I heard;for she would be dead with it to appearance many times;she had the Rickets,and was exceeding vveak: Through mercy her Cough is clear gone,& she grows strong; and I suppose the Rickets are gone, or near gone also. Many in this City & Countrey,who have had it from my hands, have bin cured by it,both men, women & children; as Consumptions, Fevers,

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Scurvey, Surfeits, Agues, *&c.* Weak persons so weak, that the Doctors would give them nothing.

Nath. Merry.

A Woman far gone in a Scurvy, swollen in her belly, thighs and legs, ful of spots and knubs as big as *French* nuts about her body: her disease encreasing under several Doctors hands, she expected death; but she had a desire to try the pil, which in a fortnight overcame the Distemper, and in a short time cur'd her; but she continued the pil a quarter of a year.

A boy aged twelv years, very far gone in a *Fever*, had it soon overcom, save a great noise remaining in his *head*, like the *sea* or *thunder*; he continued bound in the use of it 8. days; at the end of 5. days, his Mother in fear asked my advice to give him a *Clister*; I told her *she might do as she pleas'd*; but remembring your words, & having known an evil consequent in the very case upon a child of mine, I told her, *Were it my Child, I should wait with patience, and leave the issue to the Lord*, giving her my reasons; and she was satisfied so to do, & there followed a good effect; at the eight dayes end he had a stool, and near about that time came a Worm out of his nose

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three inches long, and about the bigneſſe of your round Laces, which ſhe brought preſently for me to ſee, and I ſaw it; he was ſuddenly upon it wel.

A Woman of this Town voided ſix ſtones with taking one pil.

A Boy about 12. years old had been ſo afflicted with an Ague and Dropſie, that his Parents thought it would kill him; about two years it prevail'd, having tried variety of meanes. At laſt taking the pil evenings, was in ſhort it me cur'd (though they obſerved not the uſual Rule in that Diſeaſe) of both his Diſeaſes; and his belly being much ſwollen, was brought to its natural proportion.

A Woman for many years in a Conſumption, much pained in her head and teeth, and ſtomach, with a great weakneſs over all her body; ſhe was ſo ſpent, that ſhe could hardly get up the ſtaires, in ſhort time with the uſe of the Pil, found ſtrength and eaſe; and at times hath uſed it about half a year and is now able to follow her buſineſs.

A man troubled with a violent pain in his head which would take him at times, and hold him ſeverall hours, had it taken off by three or four Pills.

A man having been a Jonrney, while in a great heat drank ſmal Beer, with which he took a great Surfeit, and became ſo vveak, that thoſe who adminiſtred phyſick to him would give him no more. From the firſt pil (though a little one) he found eaſe; and in two or three days was able to ſit up; and in and about a fortnights time was wel.

A Woman ſick of a Scurvy, had made uſe of two able Doctors, under whoſe hands her diſtemper encreaſed, ſhe was vveak and faint; her lovvers parts ſwollen, and broad red ſpots about her body; her thighs and legs afflicted with bunches as big as French Nuts; ſhe indeed had little expectation of life. The firſt three pils ſcattered the bunches all abroad, the firſt Month it ſvveated her every night much, yet her ſtrength encreaſed; the ſecond Month it gave her two or three ſtools every day, yet ſhe encreaſed in ſtrength; ſhe continued it a quarter of a year, or more, and then being wel, gave it over, and is wel to this day; being about half a year ſince ſhe gave it over, ſhe peruſed your Book, and told me ſhe believed there vvas not a greater cure there then hers vvas.

A Boy had a Rhume in his eyes which his Mother ſhevved to a *French* Doctor, who aſkt tvventy ſhillings for the cure; ſhe not

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willing to give so much, made use of the Pill, and it was taken off with two or three Pills.

A man sick of a Surfeit and Fever three weeks, had his water shewn to two Doctors, whose Judgement was that it was a dead water; and the Doctors which was with him said, he would die that night: a friend of his hearing it, who knew the Pill to be a good thing, came to me and related his condition, being very weak, and desired some Pil for him, with my advice in the taking of it; that night she gave him one, upon which he slept, and when he awak't, the Woman which had the Pil for him (for she tarryed with him to see the issue) ask't him how he did; he told her he was pretty wel, and in the morning thought he could go to work: He took but two in all, which removed his distemper, and he walkt about thinking to wear it out the dog-days, and then to fall to it again, he apprehending some danger in taking of it in those days, til he came for some for another; when he told us how he felt his disease remove, and that he forbore for the reason aforesaid, though he found some weakness about him; but I told him he had done wel to have continued it a little while: He was glad of the Liberty, and took it presently:

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and immediately upon it found his strength encrease, and saith he is as well as ever he was.

A Woman after her lying in, had a great oppression at her stomach & heart, attended with a great weakness for about half a year, which the Doctors could not tell what to make of, nor how to remove; they would have carried her to the Bath; but she was so weak they durst not venture.

It pleased God that the first Pill she took she felt it remove from her stomach and heart, and fell as a great weight into her belly: She took not above five or six Pills til she was wel and strong; she sent for some more, not to take, but to keep in the house.

A man greatly afflicted with the Cramp in all his Limbs, had it removed with two Pills.

A strong man in the Countrey after labour (being very hot) would drink Water, (although he might have had strong Beer) and went and lay upon the ground: With which he took a great Cold and Surfeit, and after some dayes (lying in a violent Fever) became light-headed, and continued very light eight dayes before I heard of him; that very night as soon as they got home, (being at *Froome*, 18. miles from this City) they gave him a Pill, after which he fell in-

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to a sleep and sweat; and about a fortnight after it pleased God there was word brought me that he was at work: From that place they have sent several times for more for others; but a particular account of it I have not yet received.

A Woman in the Countrey sick of a Fever and Ague, sent for half a quarter of an ounce of pills: before, or by that time it was all used, she was wel.

A Merchant of this City being 30. years afflicted (sometimes once in a Month, sometimes once in six Weeks, & sometimes in a quarter of a year (which was taken by a fright) of a disease like the spleen & stone in the kidneys; he hath tri'd *variety of means*, but found them *ineffectual*, his *pains* would be so *violent* for several days, that would much weaken him, & keep him in a doors; several days after being at his house, and hearing him speak of his distemper, I told him what benefit I had receiv'd from your pills, upon which he told me that about 2, or 3. years since he had taken some one pil or two, but was frighted from it by some that affirmed there was great danger in the pil; but he seeing the effect of it in my countenance, knowing that I was much spent when I first took it, & considering the time that I had taken it, concluded it most befriendly to nature,

ture, and resolved to take it; it's now above half a year since that he began to take them, at the time of his fits, or when any thing ails him; & now through the blessing of the Lord he tells me, that it easeth him presently of his pains, and the next day he is about his businesse, and doth believe if he took it constant, it would cure him; and now is willing that others should reap the like benefit, having advised others, who find good also.

A strong man of this Merchants, who went upon one of his ships, had a great cold and cough; his Master advised him to take a pil; being unwilling to be mastered by a cold, would take nothing; but at last it so much over-powver'd him, that he was perswaded to take a pil, and he found such refreshment in that one pil, that he thought he need take no more, but he sent for an ounce to carry to sea with him.

An old man aged threescore, that had bin alwvays a hard labouring man, & is stil, was three or four years afflicted with paines in his ancles, arms, wrists, elbows and shoulders, had it taken off with about six pils, and followvs his Work comfortably.

A Woman three years afflicted with a disease call'd *Anthony's fire*, she had all over her body, arms and face, broad red spots, like

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scalds, with blisters, which would make her sick, and burn like fire; she had taken Physick of several, which prov'd ineffectual; one half quarter of an ounce hath taken it off for the present; but I fear It wil come again, she taking no more: But it is now near three Month's since, and it doth not yet trouble her.

A man near fourteen years afflicted with a stoppage in his stomach, and lately with the Wind-Gout in his hands, arms and legs, his legs swollen as big as two, and to this by a Cold was added a Surfeit and Fever. The first Pill this man took, sweated him much, and took off his Fever; and in taking of four more, the Gout, and the swelling of his Legs was taken off, also the stoppage of his stomach fell lower every night; and in about a fortnights time brought up above two Gallons of corruption. He took of the Pills evening and morning, it pleased God in about a fortnights time, or a little more, he was able to follow his business, and since takes them when he finds any thing ails him.

A Woman afflicted at her heart, and in all her Limbs, in so violent a manner, that her neighbors concluded of nothing but death, but it pleased the Lord who alone makes every thing effectual, to bless the use of this

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to her; so that three Pills were instrumental perfectly to recover her.

A Child taken in a violent Fever, had it removed by one Pil, which sweated him very much; and in the morning the Boy vomited up something like dead flesh, and remained wel.

A poor man's Child a fortnight in an extraordinary Fever; had it taken off by one Pil.

A Woman troubled with a Disease which they cal the Convulsion of the Nerves; she could not stir one finger of either hand, elbows or shouldiers; her fingers drawn up like a Fist, and fixt; three Pils set all her Joints at liberty, to her great comfort.

A woman through torment with the Cramp, could not lie in her bed, had it suddenly taken off by this Pil.

A Woman for a fortnight lay in tormenting pain, as was supposed, of the plague in the Guts; several things were taken to give her ease, but they proved ineffectual: she could get little or no rest day or night, but would roar out of tormenting pain, and at last talked idly. The first Pil that she took, eas'd her in a little time, and so soon as she had ease, she fel into a sleep, and when she wak't, she found no pain, save a soreness in her belly, which we concluded was the violence of the Wind with

her former fits, after which she had no more fits, but in few days was perfectly wel.

A man cured of the Sciatica, a particular account of the manner I have not yet received.

A Woman taken sick of a violent Fever, took one Pil in the day-time, and presently applied to her bed; which Pil sweated her, and eas'd her in about two hours: She being wel to her thinking, rose, but in little time she became much pained, and had almost lost her senses. She supposed (as wel she might) that rising was the cause, presently made hast into bed again, and in little time received her former ease, and sweat much that night, and the next day was wel and about her business.

Although I could mention cures more eminent, yet *I* chuse rather to mention this, that it may be exemplary to others; for *I* know those that have not been so prudential as to see the cause, but have remained up to their hurt, and have been apt to lay the fault on the Pil; but their keeping to rule more careful, hath soon convinc'd them of their error.

A man four miles from his own home, fell into a Fever, and the next day was let blood, and advised by the Doctor to drink great draughts of smal-beer; his Fever increased til he was almost light-headed, and then being advised by a Friend to try the Pil, it pleased

fed God it was taken off with four or five Pills, and in five days went home with comfort to his employment. It sweated him so much, that his pillow was as wet as if it had been in a River.

A Child fourteen years old, crying out exceedingly through torment by wind, and many times its breath would be almost stopt and discolour'd in its face; they much doubted it would prove the Convulsion-fits. This Child took it but two or three times in such a dose as was sutable to that age, but it wholly removed the distemper, and the Child proved wel after it, and (to use the Father's expression) look't like a picture in Alablaster.

A man having been long under the Doctors hands, given over by his Friends and his Doctor, who advised his Wife to lay out no more money, but wisht him to make his Will, concluding of nothing but death; the Doctor took his Disease to be a Consumption (and indeed he was much spent, and very weak) A Merchant of this Town being with him, advised him to prove this Pill, of which he had great experience, which he did; he found great refreshment by it, and in a little it brake an Imposthume within him, and (as he told me) he brought up three quarts of blood, and the bag which

held the impoſthume, at five ſeveral times, which he told me was as large as two ſheets of paper, part of which I ſaw, which was of a thick ſubſtance; it cleanſed, healed and ſtrengthened him. And being with me a little after, told me he was as wel as ever he was in his life, and was encreaſed in fleſh.

A man for a Months time madd, inſomuch that they were conſtrained to bind him, and they uſed that unlikely way of beating him; but proving ineffectual, they made uſe of this Pill one every night, which bound him ten days, and then he had a Cliſter of Milk and Sugar adminiſtred to him, after which he had about eight ſtools a day for ſeveral days, and there followed health of body, and clearneſs of underſtanding, and ſo remains, being about a quarter of a year ſince.

Very many have been cured of Agues this Spring by the Pill.

Sir,

THeſe Relations are true to a tittle, to the beſt of our memory and underſtanding: Many more that have had of your Pill from me, have received cure, eaſe and good in many Diſeaſes; as Conſumptions, Dropſies, Fevers, Agues, pains in the head, aches in limbs and colds, pains in the breaſt, tooth-ake, ſwelling

n the face, great pain with ſore legs, people taken uddenly, Surfeits, Running of the Reins, and veakneſs of the back, and many diſtempers un-nown. I conclude Your loving friend,

Nath. Merry.

Here followeth a Letter from Mr. Peter Pykeringe *of* Epſum, *of divers ſpecial Cures perform'd by this Pill upon ſeveral perſons, which he ſent up on purpoſe to be made publike,* Viz.

Mrs. *Mathews,*

I Have had ſome urgent occaſions which have hinder'd me from giving you this ccount ſooner, of thoſe great effects wher-vith the Lord hath bleſſed the uſe of your Pill the laſt Summer here in *Ebbeſham.* The irſt, and not leaſt remarkable, was on *Wil-iam Woodman,* aged above threeſcore, having aken a very dangerous ſurfeit, look't upon y all that came near him, as a dead man, vith an extream pain in the head, which ad almoſt made him diſtracted; within alf an hour after the taking of the firſt Pil, is pain of his head inceſſantly ceaſed, and ook not above four or five Pills before he el to his meat both with appetite and di-

gestion, and is ready to testifie it to any. Mr. *Bates*, and *Amphalis Potterton*, and the Bakers Maid of our Town, and Mrs. *Maynard* the younger, were cured of Agues, following the directions in the Book. *John Farley* almost distracted with a pain in the head, received ease twice within an hours time after the Pill, and was also cured of an Ague by them. A Journey-man Shoomaker at *Letherhead*, named *Will. Primer*, being extream ill of a Malignant Fever, it being every fit expected he would dye; taking 3 spoonfuls of the Antidote, and an hour after 3. spoonfuls more, vomited three times had three or four stools, fel into a sweat and sleep within three or four hours time, and the next morning was, and so has continued wel. A Gentlewoman that lodges at *Ebbesham* Court, being seized on with a very violent Fever, accompanied with fainting: by the use of the Antidote, being followed with three spoonfuls every two hours, so well recovered, as she went the next morning to *London*. *James Palmer*, *Robert Bird jun* and his Wife, *John Bartlett*, Goodwife *Jones* old *Alice King*, and several others which would be too long to insert, of that Epidemical Fever, with not above four Pills a piece. Old Goodwife *Parker* being always subject to a Dropsie and Ptisick, when she finds

finds her self ill, takes a Pill or two, and is relieved of both. Goodwife *Charlwood* big with child, and having got the Fever, was cured with five pils.

These I am confident wil not deny the mercy which God hath shewn them in the use of the means, which I suppose may suffice to give any reasonable person satisfaction in the safety and virtue of your Pil, for which I do desire that all would give the glory to the only giver of the effect, the only wise God, to whose mercy recommending you, I rest, with my respects to you and your Kinsman,

Ebbesham, May 1. 1662. Yours in all civility,
Peter Pykeringe.

My own Wife ill of very violent fits of the Mother, is cured. One Goodwise *Steer* of the Wind and Gout, cured with the Pills and the Oyl of Amber.

Least the enemy should surmise that the vertue of the Pill is not as it was in my Husbands Life-time, if we set down no late experiences, although it is so that those that have formerly sold our Pill, who have told us of many late ones, and great ones, yet now being they are turned from me to buy of the Imitators Pill, and do not go on to send me the records of their experiences as they had promised. For I fear, as well I may, that the Imitators aforesaid may either desire that they may have their experiences to Print, for the honor of their Pill, or at least that they may be kept from me; which they may do with as good a Conscience as they did what is recorded in this Book And because there is already many experiences recorded that were brought to pass by Gods blessing upon our Pill, for it is the same Pill which passed through the hands of us all three, *viz.* My Husband, my self, and my Kinsman, *Michael Lines* who made it in my Husbands Lifetime, of which there is as much yet remaining, as is like to serve us selling some years yette come,

I will onely at this time record some experiences that came to my own hand, by those that deale immediately with me, for brevity in Printing of many more, these few following shall serve.

A Late Alderman of *Lincoln*, Who is so Emminent a man, and his Cure so publickly known, that almost every man in *Lincoln* knows who it is, came last *December* from the Spaw in *Yorkshire* so full of the Gout, and other pain in the body, stirred up; but not taken away by the Spaw, that he lay in great pain, and under the eminent st Doctors hands thereabouts last Winter, at latter end whereof the Physitians gave him over as incurable; After which he took of my Pill, and through Gods blessing thereon was set up out of his bed, and eased of pain, but then by the perswasion of some Physitians to take Physick of them to Clear his body, but brought to deaths door again, so that he himself and all men looked for no help but death; after this he took again of my Pill in *April* last, and it by Gods blessing set him up again; all this came to my knowledge by a Letter under his own hand. And now in *July* last, a Friend of mine had a Letter from him that he is in health.

The Wife of Mr. *Edward Goffe* Minister of great *Cheveral* in the County of *Wilts*, so weak that she could neither go nor stand, but was lifted from place to place, for two or three years time; but afterwards made use of our Pil and within two or three months, could go about

about the room, and since that is so recovered, that she walks abroad, and continues in good health and strength, as we are enformed.

A Neighbours Daughter in the *Bulwark* very sick of a high Feaver, having all means by Physick used for her recovery, but proved ineffectual, so that she was given over for dead; her Mother at last sent for me, shewing me her Daughters desperate Condition, in regard she was so dangerously sick and weak: I advised her to take some antidote, and sent it to her by *Michael Lines*, who ordered her how to take it, which she took accordingly, which proved so effectual, that as soon as she took it she fell a sleep, having not slept in many days and nights before, and was much eased, when she awaked: the next time she took it, being 4 houres after; after she awaked she grew very hungry, fell heartily unto eating what was provided for her, speedily recovered, it being about a month since, and is now in very good health, she is a Goldsmiths Wife in the *Bulwark*.

John Marshal Bricklayer in the Mynories in Fountain-ally, being extream sick and weak of a very high Feaver, that was the effect of an extream surfeit, was left for dead of several Doctors; his wife hearing of the

the Pill made use of that, the first Pill did wonderfully revive him, which caused him to follow the Pil, taking it every 12 hours, and drank sack after it, and in 10 weeks time it recovered him perfectly, so that ever since he hath had his health better then ever before. This is the relation of his Wife, she saith also that it recovered her Son of a violent Surfeit gotten by eating of black-berryes 3 or 4 days together, who is very well ever since, praised be God. She saith it also recovered her Daughter of an Ague in taking of one Pil according to order, onely she took the Pil every day for a week after, which strengthened her Daughter.

Old Mr. Jennings *his Experiences of Cures done since* 1663. as followeth.

ONe *Amy Keaten* in *Southwark*, dwelling in *New*-lane near *Horsly down* new stairs, being great with Child, in *March* last took a great surfeit by heat and cold, and being Careless of her self at first, as she said, was forced to bed with insufferable pain which tormented her day and night for above a fortnight, and could have no relief in use of means, but grew so bad that she and others thought it would be the death of her and her Child, being grown extream weak in body,

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at last hearing of the effectual operation of the Pil in Curing of many that had been left by the Physitian, she sent for some Pil, and afterwards told me that the very first Pil eased her of her pain, the next Pil caused her to sleep so well that she went about her household business, and the third Pil through Gods blessing so strengthened and recovered her health that she was very well unto the time of her delivery (and then had a very speedy and safe travel,) continuing very well, with as goodly a man child as ever I saw, blessed be the Lord for this his goodness and mercy for evermore.

Another, one *Elizabeth Fever* in *New*-lane aforesaid, had a child sick of a Feaver, altogether unlikely to recover, being extream weak; breathed short, and panted as ready to depart this life, hearing of the Pils effectual cure done upon the said *Amy*, sent to me about *April* last, I went to her and let her have some Pils, and made them fit for the Child to take 3 Pils day and night, she told me that its belly which was very hard before he took the Pils, immediately grew very soft, although the Child had no stoole until the fift day, and that then he had 3 or 4 stools, and forthwith recovered health and strength; so that within 14 days time it was perfectly Cured; ran about to play, and so continueth

tinueth in health to this time, bleſſed be God.

Alſo one Mrs. *Green* a *Whitſter* at *Shadtemms* in *Southwark*, having been very ſick all the Winter as ſhe told me, and uſed all means ſhe could for her recovery, but nevertheleſs continued very ſick and weak, Aged 60 years, ſhe hearing of the foreſaid Cures, about *May* laſt ſent unto me for ſome Pil. I went and found her very weak with a ſtrong Feaver and other diſtempers; ſhe followed taking the *Pil* according to order, and is perfectly *Cured* and hath ſo continued for about two month.